

Cabinet to put Aids warning in 23m homes

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Every household in Britain is to receive a leaflet warning of the dangers of Aids as part of a big public education campaign agreed by Cabinet ministers yesterday.

The special Cabinet committee set up to co-ordinate Government action against the growing Aids crisis, decided at its first meeting that the leaflets containing a stark message such as "Aids: Don't Die of Ignorance", should go to 23 million homes and be backed up by a national television advertising campaign costing millions of pounds.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said after the meeting that the problem could last into the next century. He warned people to stick to one sexual partner. If this rule was broken then they should make sure a condom was used.

The Cabinet committee, chaired by Lord Whitelaw, the Deputy Prime Minister, is to meet regularly over the next few months.

While yesterday it concentrated on public education, it was clear that future meetings would discuss controversial areas such as the issue of free condoms and free needles and syringes. It is acknowledged that infected needles are

a major source of transmission of the disease.

Before they entered yesterday's meeting, ministers were talking of the "terrifying" nature of the disease, all the more so because it was incurable. Some senior members of the committee are hoping that a national effort, evoking something similar to a wartime spirit, can be mobilized to conquer the disease.

Some feel that measures which at present seem unpalatable, such as screening, may become less so as the virus spreads.

Yesterday's meeting, attended by a wide range of ministers including Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, endorsed Mr Fowler's plans for another round of newspaper advertising, which is to take place the weekend after next, and a poster campaign aimed specifically at young people and drug addicts.

While it was clear that the

television advertising and the leaflet campaign will come from the £5 million which Mr Fowler has already set aside, ministers on the committee believe that, as it continues its work, a much larger commitment of government money will be necessary, and forthcoming.

The national leaflet drop will take place as soon as the Post Office can make the necessary arrangements and the television advertising will take place immediately afterwards. Although Mr Fowler made clear that decisions on how explicit it should be had yet to be made, many ministers on the committee believe that it should be as frank as possible and the sensitivities of some people overridden.

Mr Fowler said that he was not looking for a flashy "Madison Avenue" type of advertising campaign, but a direct, responsible campaign which "will show the public that we in government are taking this issue seriously and trying to get the issue over as directly as we can".

He confirmed that one of the messages to come through in the campaign would be the discouragement of promiscuity. "I suppose the most important thing for people is that they should stick to one partner. If that is not possible they must make sure a condom is used. The second most important thing is not to

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The Prime Minister's son, Mark, and the girl he is to marry, Miss Diane Bergdorf, who runs a property business in Dallas.

A Texan bride for Mark Thatcher

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Mark Thatcher, the Prime Minister's son, will tomorrow announce his engagement to Miss Diane Bergdorf, a Texan car dealer's daughter who runs a property business in Dallas. They are expected to marry there early in the New Year.

Mr Thatcher, who is 33, works in Dallas as a sales executive with Lotus Cars. He has known his bride-to-be for about eighteen months and the couple are expected to live in Texas after their wedding.

The sometimes controversial Mark Thatcher, better known for his comparatively undistinguished career as a racing car and driver, moved to work in America in 1984 after running his own promotions firm, Montague Marketing, in Britain and in the Far East.

Gossip columns previously linked him with another heiress, Karen Fortson, from Fort Worth, who came with her

Boeing 'sweetener' on RAF contract angers UK bidders

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

Fierce competition intensified yesterday between Britain's GEC and America's Boeing Company to secure the lucrative contract to supply the RAF with a new airborne early-warning aircraft.

Both companies submitted best and final offers to the Ministry of Defence on November 6, but Boeing disclosed yesterday that they had further sweetened their bid by increasing the size of their offer work commitment and outlining the numbers of new jobs that would be created.

Senior GEC executives responded immediately by accusing the Americans of "gross exaggeration" and alleging that some of their financial figures were "totally incredible".

Boeing officials yesterday pledged that the company was now committed to a 130 per cent offset programme, an increase of 30 per cent on that demanded by the MoD, and the highest in the company's history. It would mean, they said, that for every £100 million that Britain spends on acquiring the E3 AWACS aircraft, Boeing would spend £130 million in contracts with UK companies.

Boeing and their British associates, Plessey, Racal, and Ferranti, last week held a series of meetings with development organizations and prospective suppliers in unemployment black spot areas, such as the North East, the North West, and South Wales, with a view to placing contracts there.

Gloom as teachers' talks move to London

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Teachers and their local authority employers will today reconvene at Acas headquarters in south-west London for the next stage of their protracted talks on teachers' pay.

After three gruelling days in Nottingham and an unexpected intervention from Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, both unions and employers yesterday were putting on a brave face in their search for a negotiated settlement.

Although teachers have been sworn to secrecy on the fine print of the actual pay offer, Mr David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said he was pessimistic about being able to endorse the deal that was emerging.

Only 10 per cent of the offer would be on Awacs, the rest coming on other programmes.

Yesterday, Mr Jerry King, vice president of Boeing Aerospace, refused to disclose the exact bid price or the numbers of aircraft involved. The information, he said, was classified.

Some of the Boeing claims, however, were met with doubt by rival executives. Mr Bill Alexander, managing director of GEC Avionics, said they were "grossly over-exaggerating" the number of jobs that would be created.

Arms talks end in exchange of insults

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Serious arms control negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union seem to be over at least until the spring after top-level talks in Vienna last week apparently degenerated into an extraordinary slanging match.

Administration officials who accompanied Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, to the talks with Mr Edward Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, said that both sides criticised at each other "like children".

At one point, Mr Paul Nitze, the senior arms adviser to Mr Shultz, allegedly called Mr Viktor Karpov, the Soviet chief negotiator at the Geneva arms talks, "a liar". Mr Karpov threw back the insult.

Senior aides said Moscow did not appear interested in continuing the momentum of the Reykjavik summit.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, yesterday called for resolve to maintain America's arms build-up in a speech marking Veterans' Day at Arlington national cemetery.

President Reagan has been reviewing with his senior advisers the arms control offers outlined at last week's Vienna talks. The Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon have been briefed on the President's offer to scrap all ballistic missiles within 10 years. They have privately expressed grave reservations.

Heat a shock to Oman's royal visitors

Stalemate as EEC air talks end

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Talks aimed at cutting Europe's air fares came to an end, as anticipated, in deadlock yesterday to leave airlines in turmoil.

Britain was only able to convince five European countries to back its plans to lift restrictions governing cheap fares. The other six refused to budge and it looks certain that a wave of bitter, lengthy and costly court actions in several countries will follow.

Mr John Moore, the Transport Secretary who as President of the Council of Ministers had been hoping his package aimed at opening up the airways by 1992 would be accepted, flew back to London last night ready to resort to the law.

He now plans to set up a special "court" to ensure that British airlines stick to the EEC free competition rules. This will mean that they will be forbidden from colluding with other airlines in Europe.

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Hattersley rejects levy call

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Labour's Shadow Cabinet was split last night over controversial proposals to saddle British companies with a multi-billion pound training levy.

Just 24 hours after Mr John Prescott, the party's chief employment spokesman, said a future Labour government would impose the levy on all businesses, Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, insisted yesterday the plan was not party policy.

As Mr Hattersley attempted diplomatically to distance himself from Mr Prescott's proposals, close colleagues of the deputy leader did little to hide their fury at what they consider to be a gaffe by the Employment spokesman.

Mr Hattersley was clearly taken back by the way his Shadow Cabinet colleague not only said a Labour government would have no choice but to impose the levy, but also said it should be a minimum 1 per cent of companies' turnover and would raise £6 billion.

Leg injury puts Queen Mother in hospital

By A Staff Reporter

The Queen Mother, who is 86, was under treatment yesterday for a leg injury suffered in Scotland three weeks ago and is expected to remain in King Edward VII Hospital for Officers for several days at least. Her engagements have been cancelled for the rest of this week.

On Sunday the Queen Mother stood through the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, an occasion she has never been known to miss, but on Saturday, at the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall, she was given a footstool to rest her leg.

A Clarence House spokesman said the Queen Mother cut her leg out walking through the heather at Birkhall near Balmoral.

Apart from the leg injury the Queen Mother was in "exceptionally good health".

parents to lunch at Downing Street two years ago. Mr Thatcher, who was earning £45,000 a year as a director of Lotus when he was sent to America in 1984, has faced all the difficulties of living in the shadow of a famous mother.

Mrs Thatcher herself has been accused in the Commons of giving a lift to his business career by helping the building firm of Cementation to win a £300 million contract in the Middle East when Mark Thatcher was working for them.

He has in the past been criticised for accepting contracts to endorse goods and promote them on Japanese television. He proved a major worry when he got lost on a motor rally across the Sahara in January 1982.

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British Coal could be selloff target

British Coal confirmed yesterday that it is still on target to make a profit in 1988-89 and could be privatized by the next Government.

Output has increased by more than 20 per cent per manshift in the past year, but the industry has lost £400 million worth of revenue as lower oil prices have forced it to cut prices.

Thirteen pits will close this financial year, 20,000 workers have applied for voluntary redundancy since April. This figure is expected to rise when the Government-backed redundancy scheme, with payments of up to £75,000, is replaced by a British Coal scheme, with a maximum payment of £25,000.

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France thanks Syria on hostages

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Less than 24 hours after approving the anti-Syrian measures proposed by the British Government in London to its EEC partners, France officially thanked Syria yesterday for its help in freeing two French hostages in Beirut.

The two, M Camille Sontag, aged 84, and M Marcel Coudari, aged 54, were welcomed by M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, on their arrival at Orly airport last night.

Asked what France had done to obtain their release, M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the Foreign Minister, insisted that there had been "no bargaining". It was not France which had done the negotiating, but the states in the area which were able to exert some influence over the kidnappers, he said.

The "process" employed by France, consisted simply of maintaining contacts with those states. No arms sales, financial deals, or blackmail were involved, he remarked in an oblique reference to the alleged US arms deal with Iran to free American hostages in Beirut.

M Raimond said his Government would now do everything to ensure the release of the remaining five French hostages in Beirut. "Everything makes me think that will be possible," he said, but declined to indicate when France was in constant touch with Iran and Syria over the affair, he added.

While the three French hostages who have been released so far - one was released in June - have been held by groups under Syrian influence, at least three of the remaining five are known to be held by the extremist Islamic Jihad group, which is pro-Iranian.

BEIRUT: The two French hostages were transferred from their underground cell to Syrian hands here (Juan Carlos Gamuza writes).

As M Sontag and M Coudari travelled home on a plane chartered by Paris, Damascus Radio continued to broadcast details of their first encounter with journalists in Syria, nearly 16 hours after their actual release.

"All went well, thanks to the Syrian Government," declared M Coudari, a businessman who went missing in Lebanon last February. "I can tell you that the collaboration that now exists between the Government of Chirac and Syria is absolutely fantastic."

M Sontag, a former car dealer who was kidnapped last May, was less communicative. But he also appeared to be in good health, according to reporters who saw him sitting in the lobby of the Syrian Foreign Ministry.

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Tomorrow



'When people can stand and argue with you and call you names, you know that you're getting somewhere': how Scotland leads the way in community policing

Portfolio Gold

©The £4,000 daily prize in yesterday's Portfolio Gold competition was won outright by Mrs G Humphries of Ashford, Kent. Details, page 3. © There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 31; how to play, information service, page 22.

CITY BUSINESS

City review

The Stock Exchange is reviewing the resignation of Mr Geoffrey Collier from Morgan Grenfell Securities. Page 23. Feature, page 25.

TIMES SPORTS

Mabbutt in

Gary Mabbutt, of Tottenham Hotspur, replaces the injured Bryan Robson for England's European Championship qualifying tie against Yugoslavia at Wembley tonight. Page 46.

TIMES PROPERTY

There are five pages of property advertisements and four pages of La Creme De La Creme job vacancies today. Pages 32-40.

On This Day

The nation's first solemn act of remembrance a year after the end of the First World War was recorded in The Times on November 12, 1919. Page 19.

Table with 2 columns: Home News, Overseas, Arts, Bricks, deals, marriages, Business, Court, Crosswords, Diary, and their respective page numbers.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Several bids for Duchess's gems

Several bids have been made for the Duchess of Windsor's £2 million jewellery collection, her lawyer and long-time personal friend, Maitre Suzanne Blum said yesterday.

Decision Remains delayed

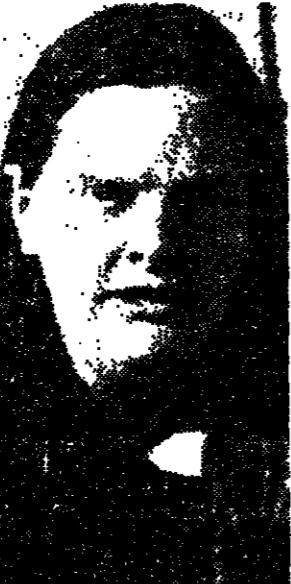
Judgement was reserved in the Court of Appeal yesterday on Brent Council's challenge to the ban on its holding a disciplinary hearing over a racist remark allegedly made by Miss Manroen McGoldrick, the headmistress reinstated last week after 15 weeks' suspension.

Violence guidelines

BBC staff today will be given new guidelines to control the portrayal of violence on television. But parents must share responsibility for ensuring children do not watch unsuitable programmes, according to a BBC report to be released tomorrow.

Hunt for mother

A High Court judge has ordered the arrest of Mary Side, aged 39, who has disappeared with her three children. She also faces jail for contempt in defying court orders to return the children.



Mrs Side (right) has not been seen since September 27 after taking her elder daughter Annelisa from foster parents in Harold Hill, Essex.

Lincoln title sold

The Lordship of the Manor of Higham in Norfolk, the original home of President Abraham Lincoln's family, was sold for £11,250 at an auction in the Painters' Livery Hall, Mansion House, London yesterday.

Fugitive seeks passport

Mr Ronald James Everett, aged 55, a fugitive Briton living in Spain, was granted leave by a High Court judge yesterday to seek a court order quashing a decision of the British Embassy in Madrid last May, which refused him a full passport after his old one expired.

Woman 'a victim of campaign'

A catering manageress became the victim of a smear campaign after she ignored advances from her boss, she claimed yesterday.

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Mrs Veronica Snowball, a divorcee aged 46, of East Grinstead, West Sussex, said Mr Bruce Knight asked her to make love on the office table and sent her suggestive underwear and pornography.

Experts agree Cheetahs have become more friendly.

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Catalogue of failure alleged by TUC report NHS tendering 'cuts standards'

Competitive tendering of National Health Service ancillary services has led to lower standards of service and cuts in the pay and conditions of low paid employees, the Trades Union Congress said yesterday.

Satellites search south of equator

Washington (AP) - A week-long exercise is underway involving nations participating in the Search and Rescue Satellite System (Sarsat), an expanding international operation credited with saving 650 lives since being formed in 1982.

Man was still alive in mortuary

An investigation is believed to have been launched last night after a hospital doctor pronounced dead a man who was still alive.



Mr Cyril Smith, the Liberal MP for Rochdale, turned fashion model yesterday to publicize a new line of shirts from Moy Central Manufacturing as part of the firm's promotion for the British Collections Exhibition in London next week.

Labour's Coal Bill dilemma

The Government will tomorrow publish a new Coal Bill which ministers believe will prove a serious embarrassment to Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and his party.

EEC fund to cut jobless backed

The £1.5 billion-a-year EEC Social Fund should be overhauled to enable it to spearhead a concerted effort to cut Europe's 16 million jobless, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Employment, said yesterday.

Gynaecologist electrifies birth control

Dobbs Ferry, New York (AP) - A gynaecologist claims to have patented a birth-control device that electrocutes sperm inside a woman before it can enter her cervix.

Anxiety growing over school sport

Increasing anxiety about the decline in competitive sports among schoolchildren is likely to come to a head at two meetings later this month.

Opera House chief enraged at grant

By Gavin Bell Arts Correspondent Britain is in danger of becoming a nation of Philistines as a result of the Government's discouraging attitude towards the arts, according to Sir Claus Moser, chairman of the Royal Opera House.

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Trial 'is bid to shut Eye'

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, had an "ulterior motive" in clearing his name by suing the satirical magazine Private Eye for libel, it was claimed in the High Court yesterday.

DPP to get shares fraud report

A report on attempts to make illegal multiple applications for shares during the recent TSB flotation is to be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Correction

In an article on November 4 on Conservative attempts to win the youth vote it was wrongly stated that Mr Hugh Bygon-Webb was a Conservative Party Research Department privatization specialist and that he, Mr David Graham and Mr Bev Bevan had agreed to join the party's youth committee.

'Gardener murdered as raiders ransacked mansion'

Terror gang shot wealthy widow of 75 three times

A wealthy elderly widow was shot three times, threatened with a knife and then trussed hand and foot by three hooded raiders who burst into her manor house armed with a rifle and two crossbows, a court was told yesterday.

During her two hour ordeal, it is alleged, the three men also shot her gardener and left him to bleed to death as they ransacked the mansion of cash, antiques and jewellery worth thousands of pounds.

Mrs Ellen Ditcher told the jury at Lewes Crown Court, Sussex that she was shot in the arm, chest and face when the three men broke into her home, Otham Manor, Otham, near Maidstone, Kent, in the early hours of July 7 last year.

Mrs Ditcher, aged 76, sat down in one witness box as she recounted hearing "a cannonade of shots." She was sitting in the kitchen nursing her sick Great Dane dog Prince, one of four pet dogs she kept.

She said: "I thought it was young hoodlums who had been out shooting rabbits coming around to cause a little bit of annoyance. I opened the door and called out 'clear off you silly bastards!'"

"I was holding the door open when I felt a sting in the arm. I felt another sting in my breast. I got back in and turned the key in the lock.

"I knelt down in front of my cooker. I was confused and felt faint. Guns were still being fired and there was a lot of

noise. I walked along the corridor and the dogs went upstairs. I then got a bullet in the mouth. I panicked a bit. I couldn't talk because I was full of blood."

Mr Robert Harman, QC, for the prosecution, said the three men arrived at the manor house armed with a .22 rifle and two crossbows, "hardly less lethal" than the rifle. Before entering the grounds they climbed a telegraph pole and cut wires leading to the house.

When they kicked open the back door they were confronted by Mr William Austin, a gardener, aged 54, who lived in a flat on the second floor.

"They shot him in the chest at close range with the rifle. It seemed that at an early stage they dumped Mr Austin in the pantry where he was later found dead. They just left him there to die," Mr Harman said.

Mr Harman said the raiders then pursued Mrs Ditcher upstairs.

"That lady, rising 75 years of age, with three bullets in her body took herself up to the first floor and let three of the four dogs into the bedroom and shut the door. She stayed outside with her Great Dane, Prince. The three men, wearing balaclava masks, confronted Mrs Ditcher at the top of the stairs. The man with the sawnoff rifle shot and killed the Great Dane."



Mrs Ellen Ditcher, terrorized by a gang of hooded killers

Mr Harman said Mrs Ditcher was led into the bedroom where a knife was held at her face while one raider demanded to know where she kept cash. They then ripped telephone cable from the wall and tied her hands behind her back and tied her feet together.

Two of the bullets are still inside Mrs Ditcher, added Mr Harman. "One is behind her jaw and one is close to her lung which is considered too dangerous to remove."

Terence Clark, aged 45, a communications consultant, of Langham Copse, Maidstone; his son Martin Clark, aged 20, a bricklayer of St Mary Cray, Orpington, south-east London; and Steven Dougal, aged 21, unemployed, of St Paul's Cray, Orpington, deny murdering Mr Austin and wounding Mrs Ditcher with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

The trial continues today.

Damages shared between former wife and mistress

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The former wife of a managing director of American Express who was killed in a car crash, and his mistress, shared the £205,285 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday.

Miss Eileen Margaret Millichap, who lived with Mr Bryan Regan at the time of his death in 1984, was awarded £195,000. His former wife, Mrs Coral Regan, was awarded £10,285.

The awards were approved by Mr Justice Caultfield. He had been told that at the time of Mr Regan's death, Miss Millichap was living with him as his wife.

Mrs Regan was being paid maintenance by her former husband.

Mr Regan, aged 50, who was managing director of American Express Equipment Finance, a subsidiary of the American Express International Banking Corporation, died from multiple injuries after a road accident

on February 22, 1984, on the A339 at Knightsbridge Hill, Headley, Hampshire.

The driver and owner of a van involved in the collision, Mr Simon Godfrey, of Tythe Court, Middle Littleton, Evesham, Hereford and Worcester, and Five Star Express, of Halesowen, West Midlands, admitted liability and were ordered by the judge to pay the damages and costs of the action.

A solicitor, specializing in family law, yesterday said that although the circumstances of the death were more unusual than most, courts recognized that the woman living with a man at the time of his death had a claim against his estate.

That was not the case, however, on separation: in several recent cases co-habitees had tried to secure a lump sum capital sum from their partners when they had separated but the claims had not been upheld.

Portfolio Gold - Welcome win for war widow

A war widow is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Glyn Humphries, aged 70, from Ashford, Kent, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started.

She said that when she first checked the result, she "felt stupid because I thought that I had made a mistake."

When asked how she intended spending the prize money, she said: "I am an RAF war widow and we don't have big pensions. The money will come in extremely useful."

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

Portfolio Gold, The Times, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

Behaviour and diet

Pupils' food for thoughts

By Robin Young

American researchers yesterday told a conference in London that a four-year experiment in New York schools had provided irrefutable evidence that a healthy diet led to better behaviour and examination results for the 800,000 school-children involved.

Dr Alexander Schauss, director of the American Institute for Biosocial Research, said that the progressive elimination of sucrose, artificial colours, unnecessary preservatives and other additives had led to the most dramatic increase in ability

and performance yet seen among American schoolchildren.

Dr Elizabeth Kagan, as chief administrator of the New York Office of Child Nutrition, ordered the restrictions on sucrose and additives in the 500,000 meals prepared by her 10,000 staff for the pupils in 803 city schools. She said that the dietary changes resulted in less food being wasted and more children wanting school lunches.

Before the diet changes, New York city schools achieved persistently low academic ratings, Dr Strauss said,

and in spring 1979 the mean national performance rankings of the schools were at an historical low of 39.2 per cent, having never been higher than 43 per cent since 1969.

In the four years of the dietary changes, New York city schools raised their performance ranking by 15.7 points.

Booker Health Report 3: The Liverpool Project (Liverpool Social Services Department in association with Booker Health, available to those working in community health from BBA, Glen House, 125 Old Brompton Road, London, SW7 3RP).

Bradford disaster

Stand 'a known fire risk'

By Ian Smith

Fifty-six people died in an appalling fire at Valley Parade football ground even though Bradford City directors, government safety inspectors and county council officials all knew the ground's grandstand was a potential fire trap, a High Court in Leeds was told yesterday.

The club had ignored warnings to take action but no statutory powers were used to make them, the court was told.

Bradford City were playing their last home game of the season in front of a capacity crowd before promotion to the Second Division, and the ground was in a general state of decay which should have put any regulatory authority on its guard, said Mr Michael Ogden, QC, representing a woman and her son who lost four relatives in the blaze.

Litter was strewn 12 inches deep beneath seats in the grandstand when a lighted cigarette was dropped through a floorboard joint shrunk by age minutes before the half-time whistle blew. Soon after, pandemonium broke out when raging fire engulfed the grandstand.

Mr Ogden made his damning statement when opening the test case which will deter-

mine whether 150 survivors and relatives of the dead can claim damages which legal experts estimate may reach £20 million, the highest amount yet recorded in a civil court in Britain.

The test case has been brought by Mrs Susan Fletcher and her sole surviving son Martin, aged 12, to prove liability for the blaze against Bradford City Associated Football Club, the Health and Safety Executive and the now defunct West Yorkshire County Council.

Mrs Fletcher, aged 34, lost her husband John, also 34, son Andrew, aged 11, brother-in-law Peter and his father Edmond, aged 64. Martin managed to scramble over a wall to safety.

In a parallel second case, the same defendants are contesting a similar action brought by Police Sergeant David Britton, aged 42. His case is being supported by the Police Federation and if successful will be followed by another 44 police claims for damages. Another 109 civilians will press their claims if Mrs Fletcher's case succeeds.

The Bradford City grandstand was built in 1909 and over the years, Mr Ogden said,

huge piles of rubbish had fallen through the floorboards and accumulated in concrete voids beneath the seats. The rubbish was so neglected that after the fire investigators found a newspaper dated 1968 and pre-decimalisation receipts.

"One therefore had everything necessary for a really serious fire", he said.

West Yorkshire County Council was the area fire authority and during the case evidence would be produced to show it had written to the club saying the stand was a fire hazard and warning of the consequences if the club took no action, Mr Ogden said.

The Health and Safety Executive and county council both had powers to force the club to improve conditions by taking out injunctions from a local magistrates court.

Then, if the club failed to respond, they should have instigated formal procedures to force the issue. "But it has to be said they did virtually nothing other than write letters," Mr Ogden said. Worse still, neither authority knew the other was in contact with the soccer club.

New Bill will help consumers

By Robin Young

Consumer organizations are confident that a new Consumer Protection Bill will be a principal feature of today's Queen's Speech.

Mr Michael Montague, chairman of the National Consumer Council, suggested yesterday it was long overdue because "current consumer legislation leaks like a sieve".

At a London conference he said: "Current British consumer legislation has its roots in the 1890s, the days of the horse and cart."

The Consumers' Association, publishers of Which?, predicted that the Bill would include a provision making suppliers and importers responsible for safety of goods.

The association also believes that the Bill will introduce a new product-liability law, enabling consumers to claim compensation from manufacturers if they are harmed by defective goods, without having to prove negligence.

Miss Rosemary McRobert, deputy director of association, said: "There is still more to fight for. We want to plug a gap which will leave some victims unprotected, allowing manufacturers to escape liability on the grounds that knowledge at the time of manufacture did not enable the existence of the defect to be discovered."

Judge tells killer: Happy Christmas

A woman who admitted killing her brutal husband was allowed to go free yesterday by a judge at the Central Criminal Court.

Mrs Valerie Flood, aged 38, wept as Judge John Hazan put her on probation for two years when he heard how she stabbed her husband, Maurice, after suffering years of violent attacks by him.

The judge told her: "You had a very unhappy Christmas Eve last year. Your husband attacked you and might have killed you, and you ended up killing him."

"I can only express my hope that you will have a much happier Christmas this year."

The court heard that Maurice Flood, aged 42, was a "Jekyll and Hyde" character. During heavy drinking bouts he became a "violent monster" - although when

sober he was a devoted husband and father.

Mrs Flood was frequently beaten, hit with hammers, cut on the legs with a machete and burned with cigarette ends.

Her nose had been broken on so many occasions that she had given up going for medical treatment.

She received hospital treatment once after he cut her head during a hammer attack.

Mr Flood appeared before magistrates on three occasions for assaulting her.

Yet she continued to love him - and stood by him even when he drunkenly threatened to kill her, Judge Hazan said.

Last Christmas Eve he tried to throttle her and then came at her with a carving knife. She managed to get it away from him, and stabbed him six times.

TV Crimewatch man denies hotel murder

A man whose photograph appeared on the BBC television Crimewatch series yesterday denied murdering a hotel owner.

David Wynne Roberts, aged 32, of no fixed address, saw his picture on the TV programme and went to a London police station. It was said at Manchester Crown Court.

He was later arrested for the murder of the hotel owner, Mrs Brown Nixon, at Ambleside, Cumbria.

Mr John Kay, QC, for the prosecution, said:

Mrs Nixon, aged 67, was found dead in her bathroom. When detectives searched her home a number of "quite distinctive" red cashmere fibres were found which matched fibres also found in the driving seat of Mrs Nixon's car, which was taken by her attacker and later discovered in a car park in Preston, Lancashire.

The hearing continues today.



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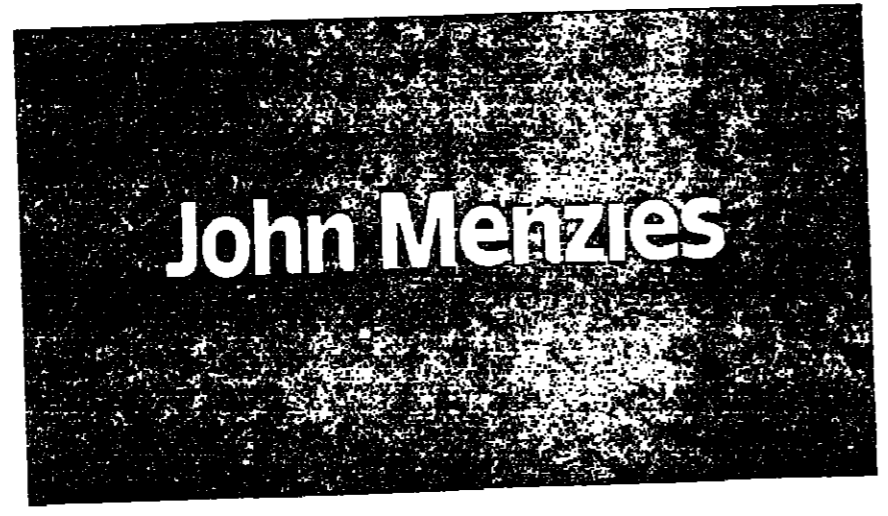
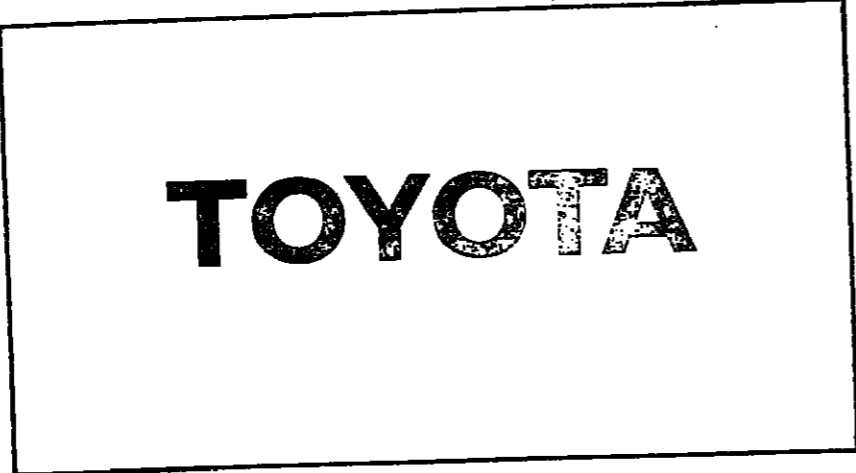
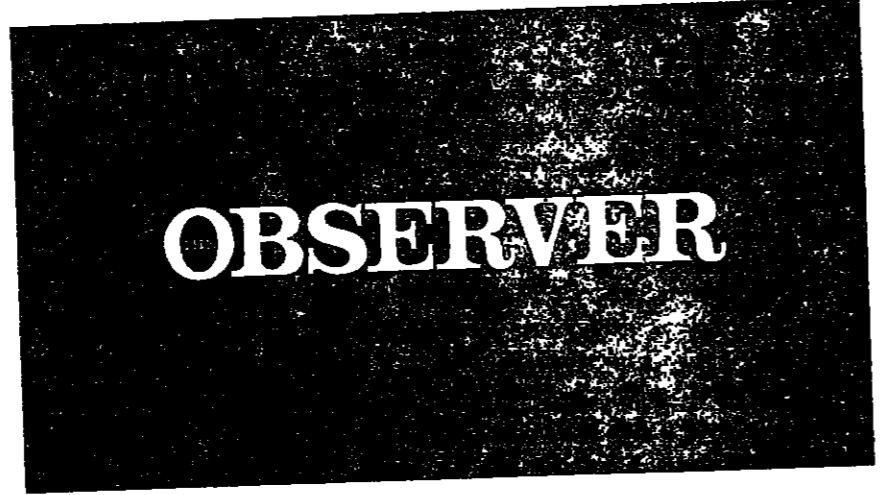
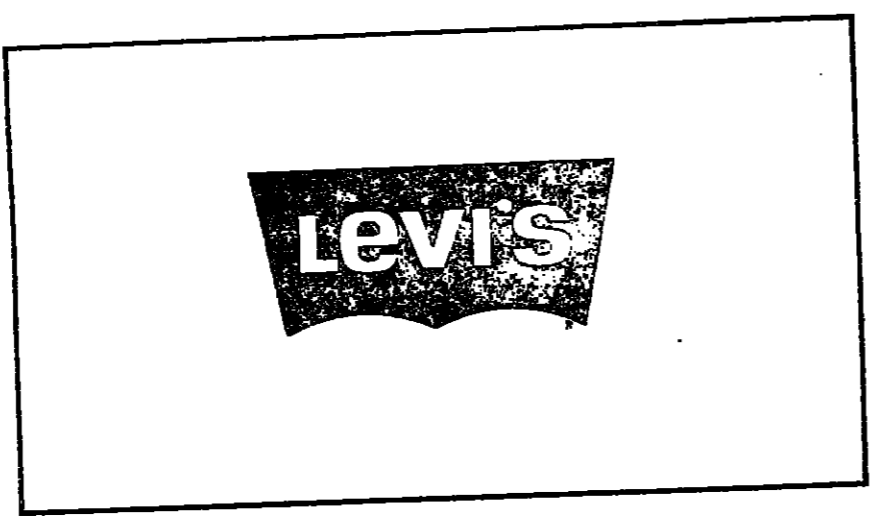
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Runcie tells bishop he has damaged the church

By Angella Johnson

The Archbishop of Canterbury has publicly criticized the Bishop of London for referring to the Church as a club which he had offended by going against the majority.

Dr Robert Runcie yesterday told the General Synod of the Church of England that Dr Graham Leonard's visit to Tulsa, Oklahoma, was an "offence against collegiality" and had done tremendous damage within the church.

He said: "I believe that it is the responsibility of the bishops as guardians of doctrine and as symbols of unity to take further counsel."

There is an inherent authority in bishops acting collectively both within and between provinces. The Archbishop was responding to an unprecedented motion, moved by Prebendary Dennis Ede from the diocese of Lichfield, which called for an adjournment of the morning session so that the issue could be debated.

Mr Ede wanted a general debate over Dr Leonard's visit and the celebrations of Holy

Communion in Church House by a woman priest ordained overseas.

Both issues have caused controversy in the Church of England, especially as they revolve around the general call for the ordination of women as priests.

Mr Ede said: "A Christian body like the General Synod should show to the world that it has its own unique way of handling this sort of issue."

Dr Runcie intervened and made it clear that he did not support the call for a discussion on "issues too serious to be settled by a debate now".

But he expressed his strong disapproval of Dr Leonard's action which he says has "damaged" questions of autonomy, revelation and authority which the Anglican Communion is attempting to settle.

Dr Runcie added: "Whatever their pastoral motives and however sincere they may have been, the actions taken have done damage to the trust in which that debate is going forward."



The Bishop of London, with a somber face, listening to the criticisms at the Synod of his comments about the Church and his visit to Tulsa which he later described as a "response to a pastoral call". (Photograph: Stuart Nicol)

The Bishop of London again defended his visit to Tulsa which he described as a response to a pastoral call.

He told the Synod: "The issues raised from this should be debated in a pastoral way and not by a body like this."

Responding to the criticism

from Mr Ede's motion, Deaconess Diana McClatchey, a leading figure in the movement for the ordination of women, said she addressed herself to the anxiety and distress caused to some members of the Synod by the actions of her members.

She said: "If lawyers decided that the action was contrary to Canon Law then our judgement could be said to have been in error."

Mr Ede's motion was withdrawn but he later said that he had done what he set out to do, which was to get the

protonists of both events to address the Synod.

Four thousand members of the movement for the ordination of women held a silent vigil outside Church House before the Synod began. Some were holding placards with the words "Waiting".

Increase in border security after new terror threats

By Richard Ford

Security along the Irish border and in Dublin is to be increased after the planting of four explosive devices in the city by the Ulster Freedom Fighters, a group of Loyalist terrorists.

The new measures were discussed at a meeting of Dr Garret FitzGerald's cabinet yesterday and will include additional check points along the 300-mile border with the North.

Vehicle check points are to be placed on main routes into Dublin as part of tighter security aimed at thwarting the threat from the Freedom Fighters to plant car bombs, without warning, in the republic, unless the coalition ceases to implement the Anglo-Irish agreement from this weekend.

Mr Lawrence Wren, commissioner of the Garda, reviewed security in the aftermath of the discovery of the devices in O'Connell Street last weekend.

Yesterday he held a meeting with senior officers from border divisions as part of a wide-ranging review of security precautions needed during the next few weeks, as Loyalist protests mount to mark the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement a year ago.

Loyalist terrorists believe that a campaign in the South will bring widespread fear to

the population who will, in turn, pressure the Government to withdraw from the agreement.

Dr FitzGerald, whose home in South Dublin has been provided with extra security in recent weeks, said the threat from the Freedom Fighters would not intimidate his Government.

In the North, Loyalist paramilitary sources are dismissive of the formation of a new movement, Ulster Resistance, inaugurated in an atmosphere echoing 1912 when the Ulster Defence Force was formed by Sir Edward Carson to resist home rule.

The movement is to launch a recruiting campaign and will hold rallies aimed at mobilizing men to "use all means" to defeat the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Mr Ian Paisley, Democratic Unionist Party leader, attended the dedication service.

The Lord Mayor of Belfast, Alderman Sammy Wilson, was yesterday ordered to pay £160 in rates which he had withheld as a protest against the Anglo-Irish agreement.

The police constable shot dead by terrorists on Monday was named as Mr Derek Patterson, aged 39, a father of three who had served in the force for 13 years.

Doctor on death charge

A family doctor accused of attempting to murder a patient administered a massive overdose to a terminally ill cancer sufferer, it was alleged at Leeds Crown Court yesterday.

Dr John Carr, aged 59, who denies the charge, went to the home of Mr Ronald Mawson, aged 63, a retired engineer, with a syringe already prepared with phenobarbitone, Mr Geoffrey Rivelin, QC, for the prosecution, said.

The doctor administered a massive overdose which "could not have been possibly justified," Mr Rivelin said.

"If administered deliberately it could only have been given with the intention of hastening Mr Mawson's death."

He said that Dr Carr told Mr Mawson he was going to give him something to make him sleep. Mr Mawson's wife told the doctor he had already taken drugs, but he injected the contents of the syringe into Mr Mawson.

It obviously caused him some pain and Mr Mawson said: "Good God, you have given me a double dose."

Dr Carr said he would come back in the morning, but Mr Mawson became unconscious almost immediately.

After looking at Mr Mawson the next morning, Dr Carr said: "He won't wake up" and "He won't want any breakfast". He added, "I will give him another injection now," but Mrs Mawson refused.

Mr Rivelin added that Dr Carr said, "Let me give him this and let him die with dignity".

The court heard Dr Carr, from Branch Road, Lower Wortley, near Leeds, was causing concern to the family as early as February last year, when he allegedly told Mr Mawson's wife to leave tablets at the side of the bed and let her husband take all of them if he wanted to.

Mr Mawson was diagnosed as having inoperable lung cancer in January 1985 and spent some time in Wheatfield Hospice, Leeds, until going home in August last year.

The day after Mr Mawson returned home, Dr Carr went uninvited to the house with the prepared syringe. Mr Mawson was readmitted to the hospice and died on August 4. The case continues.

Car firms criticized on adverts

By Jonathan Miller Media Correspondent

The Advertising Standards Authority yesterday repeated a warning to the car industry to stop advertisements which emphasize speed as a selling point.

After a crackdown by the authority two years ago there was a brief reduction in the number of advertisements breaking the authority's advertising code on the advocacy of illegal and dangerous behaviour.

But there are new signs that manufacturers are ignoring the rules, a spokesman said.

This year the authority has taken action in six complaints against five manufacturers.

All have been told to make certain that future advertisements do not suggest that it is permissible or acceptable for drivers to go faster than the speed limit.

Yesterday, the authority upheld the second of two recent complaints against the Rover Group, ruling improper a national press advertisement for the Rover 800 promising "full-blooded power that will take you to over 130mph before you know it".

Last month the authority upheld a complaint against Rover over an advertisement for the MG Montego Turbo which described its performance as "awesome" and "exhilarating".

At the same time, the authority gave a warning to Citroen, whose advertisement for the BX19GTi included an illustration of the vehicle leaving the names of competitor models in its wake.

The advertisement promised acceleration from 0-60mph in 8.8 seconds and a top speed of 123mph.

Driver and his lorry hijacked

A driver was found wandering near Brighouse, West Yorkshire, yesterday after a gang hijacked his lorry and took him on a 10-hour ride before escaping with his vehicle and £100,000 worth of wines and spirits.

His lorry had been flagged down by two men he mistook for police at Bramham, near Leeds.

Knowsley North by-election

Labour vote 'softens' with poll hours away

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

It is six weeks now since the roof on the Kirkby block of flats where Tony McGuinness lives was engulfed in flames after an all-too-typical arson attack.

Mr McGuinness, aged 32, unemployed, his wife Julie, and their two children remain in their "home", sodden damp from the firemen's water, as the Labour-controlled Knowsley council has refused to rehouse them.

But in the Knowsley North constituency the conditions inflicted on Mr McGuinness are hardly exceptional.

And with voters going to the polls tomorrow there are growing signs this could cost Mr George Howarth dear. As a past chairman of the council's housing committee, the Labour candidate has had a lot of explaining to do.

In the final days of the campaign he has attempted to head off the constant criticism

fired at him by Miss Rosemary Cooper, the Liberal candidate, by proposing a four-point housing charter for Knowsley.

Too little, too late, booms Miss Cooper.

And on the doorstep there is a similar attitude. The Labour vote in this supposed stronghold is undoubtedly becoming increasingly "soft".

Mr Howarth gives the impression he would be hard pushed to punch his way out of a paper bag.

After his expected victory one of Mr Howarth's main priorities will be how to cope with his Militant-dominated local party whose leaders do not want him as their MP. If he is not careful, the voters of Knowsley North may begin to feel the same way about the Labour Party.

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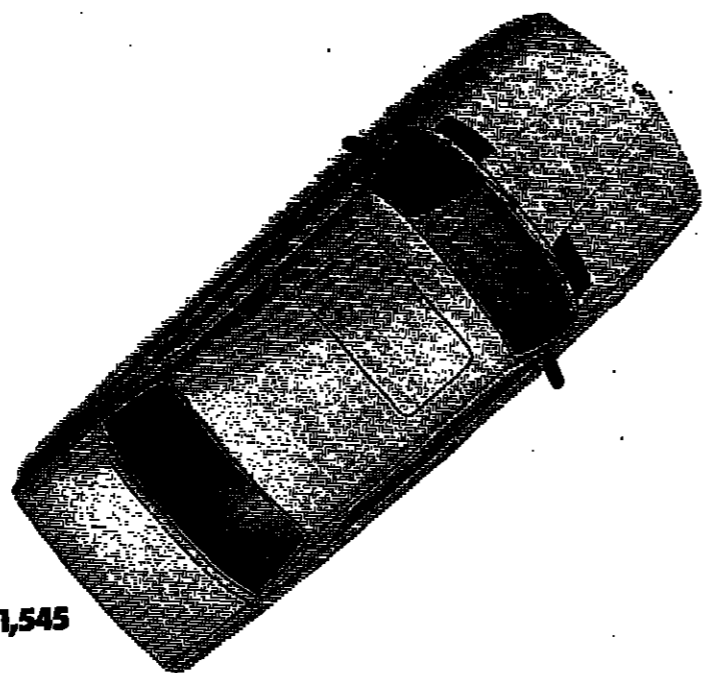
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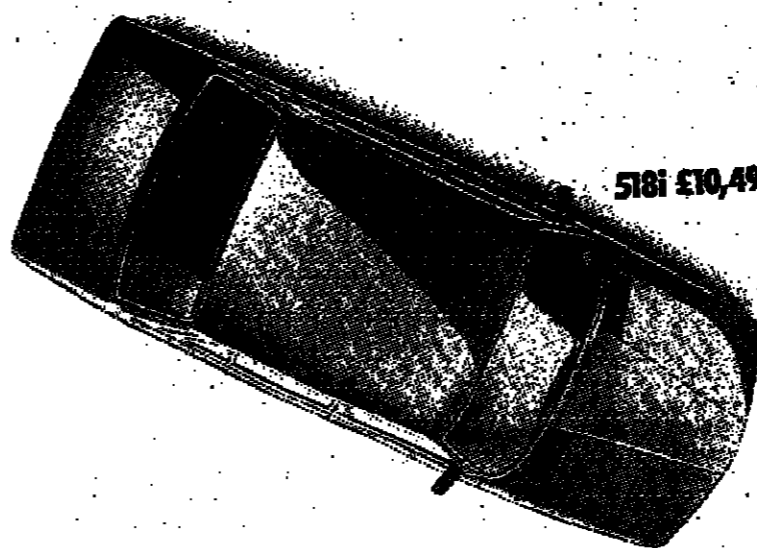
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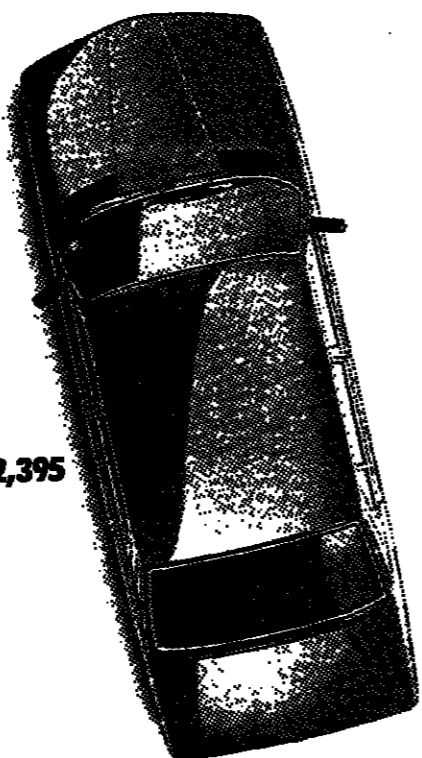
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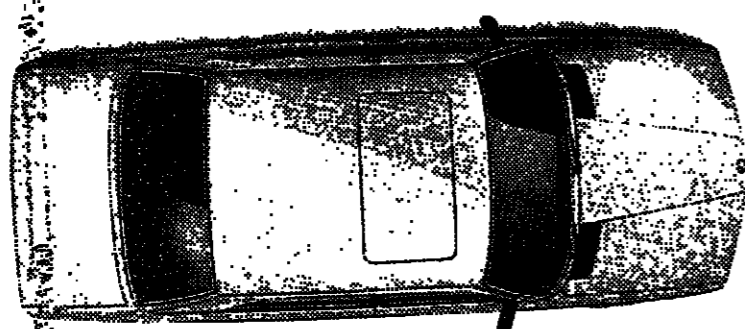


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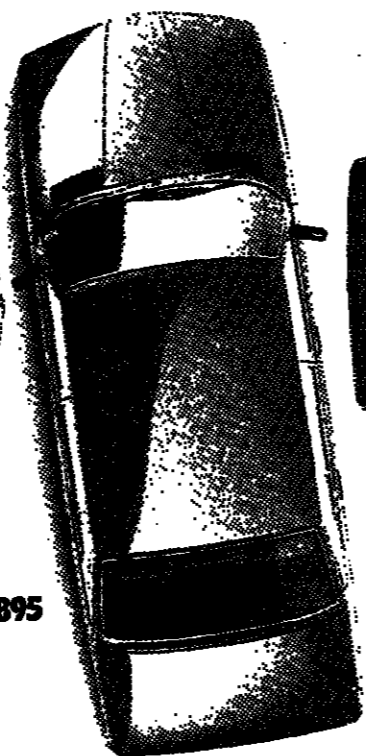


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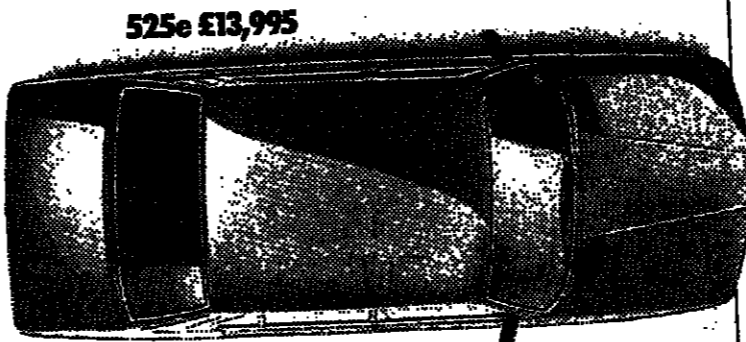
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More importantly, for those with less speedy ambitions, the fact that such a car can be created as part of a range that starts at £10,495 says a great deal about the engineering standards within the 5 Series concept.

ONE BODY, SEVEN HEARTS.

You wouldn't expect a company like BMW to compromise on the 518i, just because it's the least expensive model.

For example, it shares its cylinder block with the one that powered BMW's Formula 1 engine to the World Championship in 1983.

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we have developed both a 2.5 litre and 2.8 litre engine for our range.

The 525i has a serene calmness that makes motorway miles melt away.

And the 528i responds to the touch of the throttle with "beautifully measured precision" (Motor).

Only a test drive can tell you which of them would suit you better. (It's rather like choosing between the pleasures of a Chateau Latour or a Chateau Margaux.)

THE EFFICIENCY ENGINE.

The 525e has perhaps the most unusual story of all the engines in the 5 Series range.

For it represents a radically different approach to fuel efficiency. Instead of merely shaping the outside of the car, BMW's engineers look beneath the bonnet.

By an ingenious combination of electronics and engineering they created a power unit that is only running at 2,000rpm when the car is cruising at 70mph.

But allows you to run at 37mpg despite only taking 12.7 seconds to reach 70mph in the first place.

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The BMW M535i is as surprising as its fuel efficient stable mate.

For though its 218bhp can whisk you to 143mph, it has none of the vices that normally flow "supercars".

It doesn't fret in traffic or rush from petrol station to petrol station. (It actually uses 20% more petrol than the 1.8 litre BMW of 1978.)

It's a combination of virtues that explain Motor's verdict: "Overall there is nothing to quite touch the M535i".

Except, we have to say, two other cars.

First, the 3.5 litre 535i Special Equipment. It has everything lavished on it from cruise control to ABS anti-lock brakes to BMW's automatic gearbox which lets you switch from economy to sports mode.

And secondly, the Motorsport developed 24 valve version: the M5.

"It's fast, exhilarating and responsive; a superlative engine matched to a superior chassis" (Fast Lane).

Although journalists have almost run out of 'superlatives' in describing this car, we are loath to quote more here.

After all, with only 100 cars available a year, it would be unkind to make you too interested.

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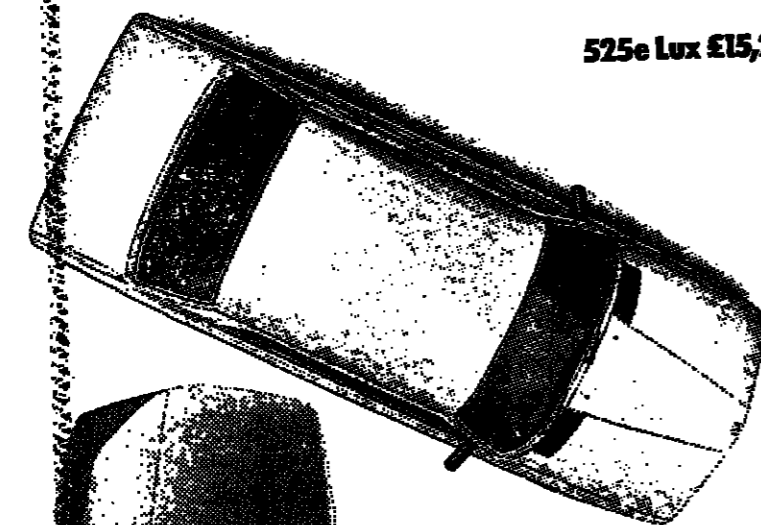
These include BBS cross spoke alloy wheels, a sliding sun roof, rear head restraints, a leather sports steering wheel, and many other refinements.

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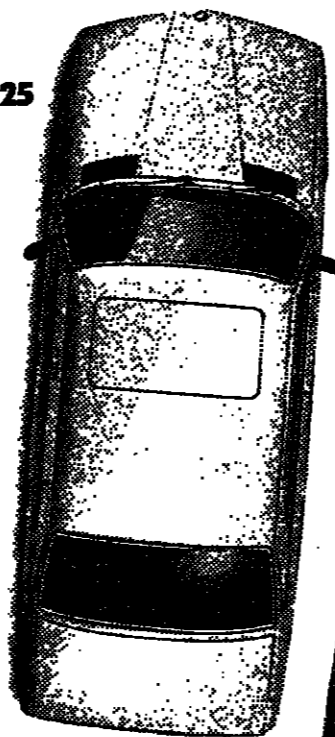
Which we hope is enough of a carrot to remove the last stumbling block between you and the car you really like to drive.

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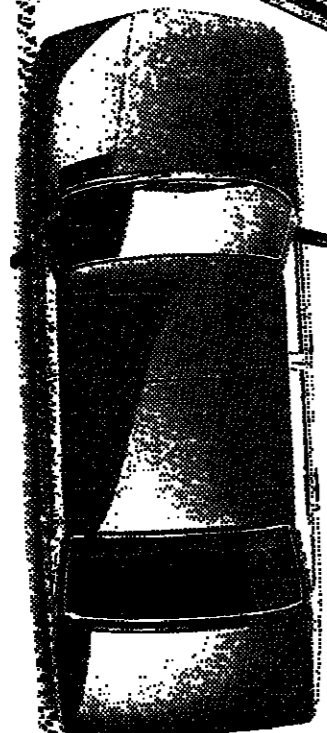
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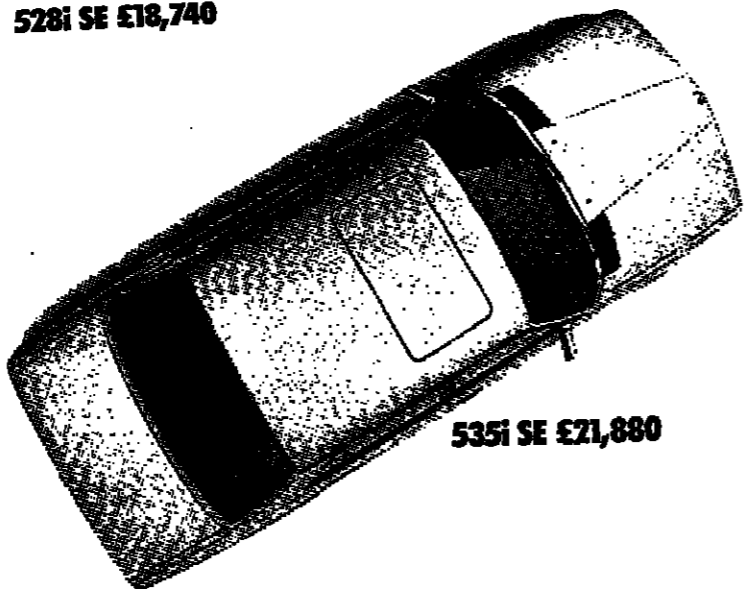
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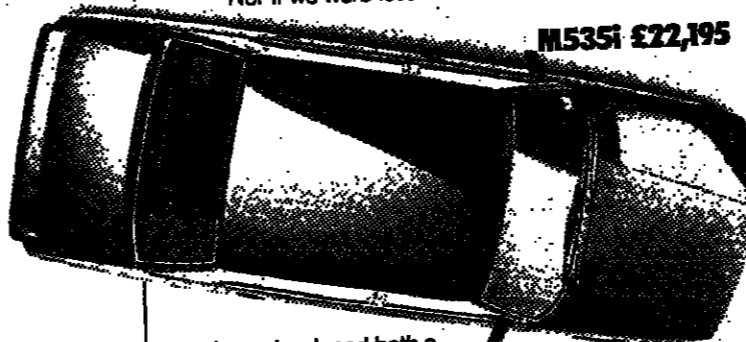
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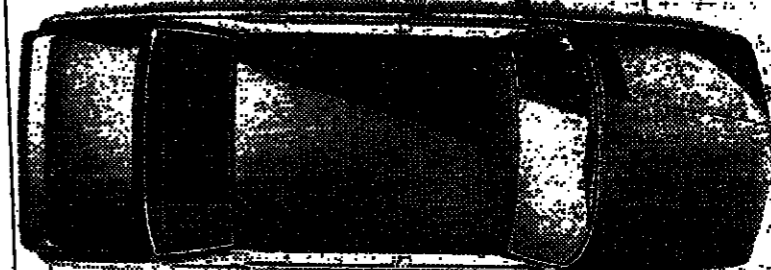
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WORLD SUMMARY

Manila orders attack on rebels

Manila (Reuters, AFP) - General Fidel Ramos, chief of the Philippines armed forces, yesterday ordered troops to launch big offensives against communist guerrillas in two regions after ceasefire talks broke down the previous day.

Tension in Manila continued to run high amid speculation that dissident military officers loyal to the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, were plotting a coup. Mr Enrile cancelled two appointments because, a spokesman said, he wanted to stop talking.

Policemen injured in Natal explosion

Johannesburg - Two bombs exploded yesterday in the Natal coal-mining town of Newcastle, injuring at least nine people, according to first reports released by the Government's Bureau for Information.

The highest casualties were caused by the second explosion outside the local magistrates' court, injuring five policemen, according to the bureau. Several other people, including a magistrate, were reported slightly injured.

An earlier explosion in a stationary and book store in a shopping centre wounded two women, one white and one black, according to the bureau's account.



Powers promise

Rome - Signor Giovanni Spadolini (left), the Italian Minister of Defence, told Palermo judges hearing the mass trial of alleged Mafia criminals that wider powers promised to General Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa to oppose the Mafia were on the way when he was murdered in September 1982.

The court came to Rome from Sicily to hear testimony from three ministers about the killing by the Mafia of the general, who was sent as prefect and survived 100 days.

Minister forced out

Islamabad - Mr Molydiddin Baluch, who was stripped of his portfolio as Commerce Minister by Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, Pakistan's Prime Minister, late last month, has had to be sacked officially after reportedly refusing to quit the Cabinet voluntarily.

Mr Baluch, a National Assembly member from Baluchistan, had held his Cabinet post for nine years, but was removed in the wake of a government inquiry into mismanagement of cotton exports by the state-run Export Promotion Bureau. The bureau chairman was also removed and two other senior officials suspended.

Hess man to leave

Berlin (AP) - The prison chaplain to Hitler's former deputy Rudolf Hess is leaving West Berlin after reports that he had been dismissed for planning to smuggle Hess's memoirs and testament out of jail.

Chaplain Charles Gabel, aged 54, a French Protestant, said he planned to leave Berlin later this week, but declined to say why. He has been visiting Hess at Spandau Prison for the past nine years.

No state funeral for Molotov

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Vyacheslav Molotov, the former Soviet Prime Minister and Foreign Minister who was one of Stalin's closest aides for three decades, will today be buried in Moscow's historic Novodevichy Cemetery - the cemetery where Nikita Khrushchev, the man who expelled him from the Communist Party in 1961, is laid to rest.

Although the unrepentant Molotov was rehabilitated and readmitted to the party two years ago at the age of 94, Soviet Foreign Ministry officials yesterday said he would not be given a state funeral. "It is not our practice to give state funerals to people so long retired from any official position," one said.

A family friend, however, has claimed that a number of prominent Soviet personalities will attend the funeral and later a reception at the family home. Still, scant attention was paid to Molotov's death in yesterday's official media and one Foreign Ministry official referred to him as "a pensioner".

Molotov's death has provoked an intriguing literary and historical controversy here about whether or not - as some Soviet sources claim - he spent his last 30 years writing his memoirs, and if he did, whether they stand a chance of being published.

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French close ranks behind Chirac's 'pragmatism'

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The verbatim account of M Jacques Chirac's interview with The Washington Times has brought praise here for the French Prime Minister's passionate and incisive analysis of the complex problems in the Middle East, rather than criticism of his having told much less than the truth in denying the original reports of the interview.

As the Prime Minister's office had hoped, the freeing yesterday of two more French hostages in Beirut with Syrian help has effectively stifled any criticism that might otherwise have been voiced. Had not M Chirac's Middle East policy been shown to have paid off?

There is considerable unease about the channel chosen by M Chirac to make his comments, surprise at the bluntness of some of his remarks and embarrassment over his denials, which have now been demonstrated to be false. But not a single politician or commentator on the right or left has accused M Chirac of lying, or called on him to resign. Indeed, there has been very little reaction at all.

One of the very few to have made any comment so far is M Claude Cheysson, the former Socialist Foreign Minister, who appeared to reflect the general view of French newspaper leading articles when he said that he had been surprised that M Chirac had chosen to make such an important statement to a paper belonging to the Rev Moon, but that "the main elements of his argument seem very coherent".

"What is the Prime Minister saying?" M Cheysson asked. "He is saying that we must maintain our relations with Syria. He is saying that the greatest danger in the medium and long-term in this part of the world is the development of Muslim fundamentalism."

In his interview, M Chirac makes clear his scepticism about Syria's responsibility for the Hindawi bomb plot, even suggesting at one point that the British might have actually fabricated some of the evidence presented at the trial.

"I spoke to (Chancellor) Kohl and Genscher about it. I don't go as far as they do, but their thesis is that the Hindawi plot was a provocation designed to embarrass Syria and destabilize the Assad regime. Who was behind it?" he asked. "Probably people connected with Israel's Mossad (secret service) in conjunction with certain Syrian elements close to Assad who seek his overthrow," M Chirac said.

Before the full text of the



Two French hostages, Marcel Costari (left) and Camille Sontag, freed by their Lebanese captors, smiling with relief in Damascus yesterday before flying home.

interview was published, M Chirac flatly denied that he had made any such suggestion. "Neither the Germans nor the French have ever imagined such a thing. It is quite absurd," he said, adding that The Washington Times interpretation of his whole conversation with the newspaper's editor was "totally without foundation" and went "way beyond" what he had actually said.

In his interview, which he never intended for publication, M Chirac states plainly his belief that "Syria has certainly been involved, either directly or indirectly, in a number of terrorist actions." But, he continues, "if one then adopts a confrontational attitude which translates into a lot of barking and no action, one only encourages them to pursue such terrorist policies."

"I am in favour of actions when they pay off. But if they are clumsy or purely verbal, it's counterproductive." He singled out the American raid on Libya as an example of a completely counterproductive action. "When you attack

without the means to see an action through to its successful conclusion, all you're doing is mobilizing opinion against you. Your image in moderate pro-Western countries and throughout the Middle East for that matter, and therefore the Western image as a whole, is tarnished, diminished."

M Chirac went on to express forcefully the view that the recent wave of terrorist attacks or the foiled bomb plot against the El Al plane in London were "small beer" compared with the enormity of the problem of the "floodtide of Muslim fundamentalism" which was engulfing the Middle East.

"The West must manage this enormous crisis with a lot of prudence and not allow itself to be deflected by a few bombs going off in the streets of their capitals. The big bomb is not the one that explodes in the rue de Rennes, but the one which could explode all over the Arab world if Arab public opinion is pushed against the wall. That is the real bomb..."

"Remember that each time one attacks an Arab anywhere, all the Arabs will feel compelled to show solidarity with what they perceive to be the victim... I am really astonished that a country like the US does not understand this and still goes for the quick, 'feel-good' fix. It is irresponsible."

"Or that a country like Britain wants us all to sever relations with Syria because of some obscure bomb plot that misfired. Do they really think that people will then say 'Bravo, they've got balls'?" France was not going to change suddenly the whole of its Middle East policy because of Britain. Besides, how could Britain talk of Western solidarity when it continued to sell arms to Iran?

M Chirac made clear that he felt France was the only Western country left trying to stop the fundamentalist tide in the region. To achieve that, "we should lean over backwards not to destabilize the moderate states of the Arab world," he insisted.

US admits trust in Tehran was 'miscalculation'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Admiral John Poindexter, in the first Administration confirmation of secret contacts with Tehran, told key members of Congress that the White House made a "miscalculation" on whom it could trust in Iran.

The National Security Adviser, who headed the secret negotiations, briefed members of a puzzled and angry Congress in an attempt to persuade them that details of the deal had to remain secret to protect contacts in Iran. According to some sources, he said that American envoys were finding opportunities to work with "some elements" of the Khomeini regime as long as they were not exposed.

Mr Poindexter emphasized that the White House had a "whole network" of people to protect, not only Iranians but others outside the country.

President Reagan, who has gone out of his way to dodge reporters and ignore questions shouted at him, told his senior advisers on Monday that "no laws have or will be violated" by reported US arms sales to Iran. And he urged them to ensure that their departments refrain from speculating, according to Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman.

Mr Reagan insisted that the Administration's policy of not negotiating with terrorists remained intact.

The White House meeting was prompted by Mr Reagan's fears that the avalanche of angry comment might put at risk the remaining hostages in Lebanon. The President reviewed US efforts to release the hostages and general policy in the Middle East and the Gulf. Both Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, attended. Afterwards Mr Speakes, in an

effort to quash reports of their bitter disagreement with the arms sales, emphasized the "unanimous support" for the President.

Mr Poindexter is said to have told Congress that Iran's disclosure of the visits there by Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser, had halted Iranian help over the hostages.

Mr McFarlane, meanwhile, said on Monday that it was of "enormous importance" that the US promote a stable relationship with Iran. He called Iran-US security interests entirely compatible.

Without admitting he visited Tehran or commenting on any contacts with Iran, he said secret diplomacy was crucial in preparing for the time when Iran's leadership would be willing to accept a new relationship with the US.

Congress has said it will hold hearings on the affair, and will call on Admiral Poindexter and other Administration officials to testify. But the White House made it clear that President Reagan would oppose their appearance on the grounds of executive privilege and national security.

In an ironic development, federal judges have just sent two men to prison for trying to sell Iran military supplies in violation of the US embargo.

In New York, a British businessman, Mr Herbert Smith, received a 10-year sentence for trying to sell seven Bell 204B helicopters and 4,000 spare parts to Iran for \$22 million.

In Los Angeles, Mr Hormoz Hezar was sentenced to a three-year term for sending 50 military radios and negotiating the export of \$800,000 in spare parts - 80 per cent of which reached Iran. His lawyer argued against imprisonment, citing reports of US-Iran arms deals.

Japan agrees to back UK stand on Syria

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain received backing from Japan yesterday for her stand on Syrian-sponsored terrorism. Tokyo informed the Foreign Office that it would implement measures approved on Monday by all EEC nations except Greece.

The measures include a ban on arms exports, but Japan cannot implement the decision to supervise Syrian flights more closely because Syrian Arab Airlines does not serve Tokyo.

Britain has had no Syrian flights since breaking relations with Damascus. The other 10

nations are to consider a common policy to include routine searches of Syrian aircraft and withdrawal of privileges normally granted to air crew.

WELLINGTON: President Chaim Herzog of Israel denied yesterday that his country supplied US arms to Iran to secure the release of American hostages in Lebanon (Ap reports). He also reiterated that Israel wants the Middle East proclaimed a nuclear-free zone, similar to those in the South Pacific and South America.

'No bargains' plea

Britain wants ban on terrorist deals

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary are to step up the search for a pact between governments not to make deals with terrorist organizations.

After Monday's British-initiated decision by 11 EEC nations to penalize Syria for sponsoring the Hindawi bomb plot, Whitehall hopes to maintain anti-terrorist momentum.

Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe are expected to urge the US and French governments not to waver from their stated "no bargains" policies.

Signs that both governments may have sought to buy off state-sponsored Middle East terrorists or hostage-takers have prompted concern that recent improvements in

in the Middle East, is seen as a barrier to early co-operation. The Kremlin has consistently backed President Assad's denials of Syrian involvement in the Hindawi attempt to blow up an El Al airliner. Moscow has denounced Britain's decision to break relations with Damascus and the measures agreed on Monday by 11 of the 12 EEC nations.

Despite this, Whitehall sources believe it may eventually be possible to work with Moscow.

The British view is that governments should refuse to deal with terrorist groups and their government backers, even at the price of civilian casualties. The recent wave of bombings in Paris, apparently staged in a bid to negotiate the release from a French jail of Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, leader of Fraction Armeees Revolutionnaires, is thought to have brought the French Government to the brink of compromise.

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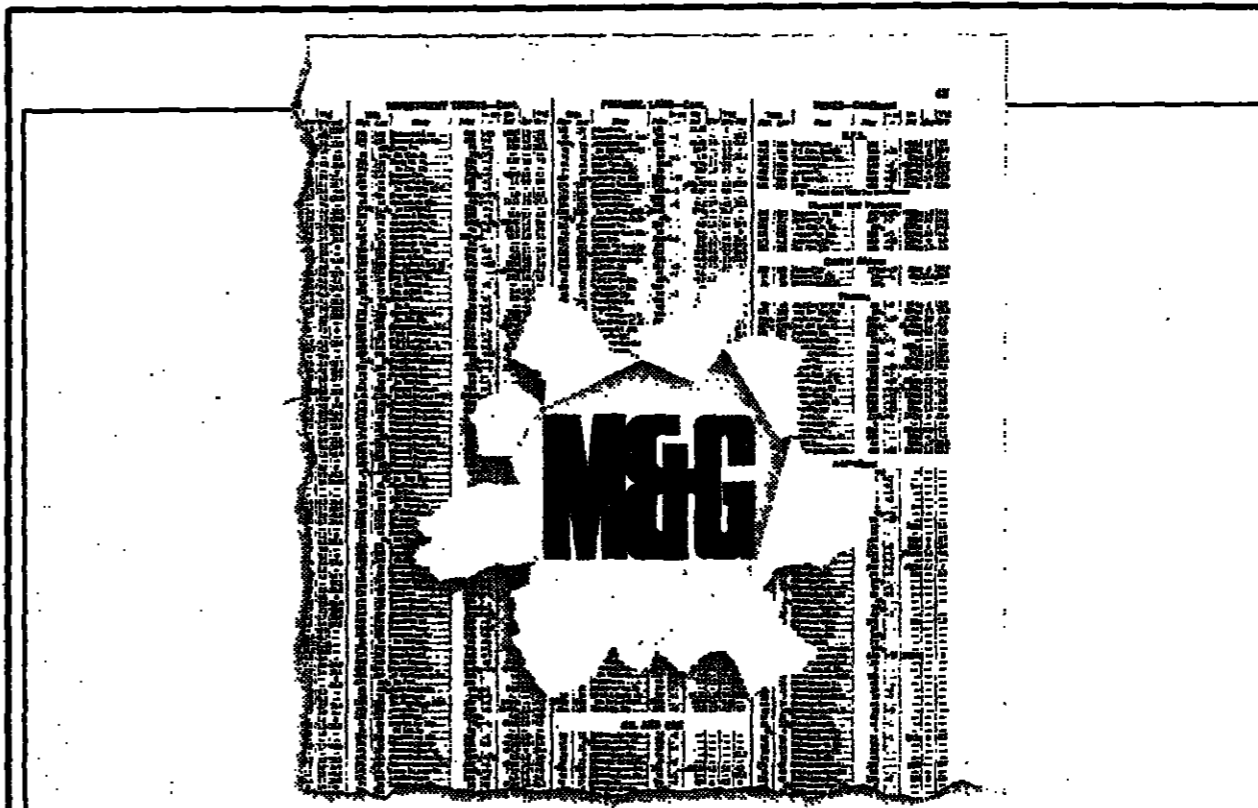
After a day's reflection on an interview given by M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, to an American newspaper, sources were moving towards a view that it was designed to confuse. At first reading, the remarks attributed by The Washington Times to M Chirac suggested duplicity by the French Government. On one hand, France was saying that it would back Britain on Syria and would never negotiate with terrorists; on the other M Chirac suggested that Israeli rather than Syrian agents could be behind the plot.

The sources did not discourage speculation that M Chirac's motive may have been no more than to gain a better press for Syria while efforts continued to secure the release of French hostages and to avoid a resurgence of the Paris bombings. "It looks like sand in the eyes," said one source.

Chirac: interview seen as "sand in the eyes"

inter-government co-operation could be compromised. Whitehall sources said the Prime Minister will press her view that such deals play into terrorist hands when she meets President Reagan at Camp David on Saturday. Her summit with President Mitterrand of France on November 21, and a probable simultaneous meeting between Sir Geoffrey and his French counterpart, M Jean-Bernard Raimond, could be used to make the same point.

In the longer term, the Government also hopes for a similar understanding with Moscow. Although not realistic as a goal for the near future, preliminary soundings will be taken when British and Soviet terrorism experts meet for talks next month. Moscow's uncompromising support for Syria, her top ally



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Caribbean states tone down resolution on Falklands fishing zone

From Martha Honey, Guatemala City

Pro-British Caribbean states have succeeded in "softening" a draft resolution on the Falkland Islands to be presented to the Organization of American States' Permanent Council, OAS sources say.

These officials say, however, that Latin American countries, who hold a majority of 18 of the 31 seats in the organization, may still try to introduce on the floor a tough version condemning Britain's declaration of a greatly expanded fishing zone around the Falklands.

According to these sources, in intense behind-the-scenes negotiations the resolution originally drafted by Uruguay "keeps changing all the time" but the condemnation of Britain has been very much softened.

A member of the US delegation said a version likely to be presented before an extraordinary session of the OAS Permanent Council, composed of foreign ministers and heads of delegation, "does not condemn Britain but does ask that they not enforce their latest claim".

Late last month Britain announced that it was extending its fishing zone around the Falklands from three to nearly 200 miles.

This claim, which Britain

says it will begin enforcing on February 1, 1987, overlaps with Argentina's territorial waters and has provoked a strong reaction throughout Latin America.

The Uruguayan draft resolution also calls for Britain and Argentina to resume discussions on the question of sovereignty of the Falklands.

The US official said the wording of the draft was "somewhat ambiguous" as to whether, in addition, it recognized Argentina's claims to the islands and to the mineral and fish-rich waters surrounding them.

OAS diplomatic sources say this is a politically divisive issue, with the US apparently willing to back a call to negotiate, but not a resolution supporting Argentina's territorial claims.

Latin American states back Argentina's claims to the Falklands. But several, including the host country Guatemala, favour passage of a more moderate resolution aimed simply at getting Britain to withdraw its extension of territorial waters.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, who arrived late on Monday and went immediately into private talks with the Argentine Foreign Minister, Señor Dante Caputo, is said to be also working to find a compromise solution.

The other potentially explosive issue before the OAS is that of the expanding US war against Nicaragua and the fate of the stalemated Latin American peace initiative known as the Contadora Group.

Eight Latin American states, with the five Central American nations, have reached a deadlock with pro-US Costa Rica, Honduras and El Salvador, announcing that they are no longer willing under present circumstances to sit down with the Marxist Nicaraguan Government.

Guatemala and the eight Latin American countries have been meeting here privately to try, one official said, "to come out with a joint resolution and find a way to unblock the status quo."

Diplomatic sources say the US is working to prevent an OAS debate on the Nicaraguan conflict because such a debate is certain to be critical of the Reagan Administration.

Several Latin American diplomats claim that the US has planted "disinformation" in the press to create divisions among Contadora Group countries.



A Rome police official trying to persuade two traffic policemen to take off the surgeons' masks which they wore yesterday in protest at the city's smog problem. At rush hour, carbon monoxide readings are well above levels hazardous to health.

Gorbachov gets even tougher on drink

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet Communist Party is planning to intensify the controversial clampdown on alcohol first introduced by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov in June 1985. It has also called for stricter legal measures to prevent the growing spread of drug addiction.

The new drive was unveiled yesterday in an official account published in the Soviet press of a special meeting called by leading members of the party's Central Committee. Among those attending were senior law officers, heads of government ministries.

According to figures released after the meeting, the anti-alcohol campaign in its first 15 months has caused a reduction of more than one third in the amount of alcohol consumed and a similar

reduction in the amount of absenteeism in state-run factories. Unspecified reductions in the crime rate and car accidents were also noted.

Despite the reported success of the anti-alcohol campaign, the Central Committee members called for a new crackdown on what was admitted as a corresponding rise in home-distilled vodka (a lethal potion known as *samogon*) and they issued stern public criticism of the failure of some state concerns to switch, as ordered, from the production of alcohol to non-alcoholic drinks.

Western observations that the clampdown on alcohol has prompted an increase in drug abuse appeared to be backed up by the communiqué issued after the meeting which attacked "imperfections" in legal and medical institutions in handling the struggle against drug addiction.

US/Soviet pact on exploring Mars

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The US and the Soviet Union have agreed on a new space pact for co-operation in the unmanned exploration of Mars, other planets and deep space. President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, may sign the accord early next year.

The agreement centres on co-ordination of projects and exchange of data rather than development of space mission hardware. *Aviation Week and Space Technology* magazine said.

It will mean the sharing of data from existing missions such as the Soviet Phobos probe to study the moons of Mars and the American Mars Observer spacecraft to be launched in the early 1990s.

The new agreement specifically limits technology transfer to the Soviets, although some segments of the Defence Department are expected to continue opposition to the renewed co-operation. *Aviation Week* said.

The 1972 space co-operation pact lapsed in 1982 when martial law was enforced in Poland.

During the pact negotiations the Russians avoided leaking space co-operation to US congressmen on President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative.

Captured technician

Peres attempts to protect Thatcher

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mounting speculation in the world's press "notably in Britain" persuaded the Israeli Government to admit it had captured Mr Mordechai Vanunu, the nuclear technician who told *The Sunday Times* that Israel had a nuclear arsenal.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, admitted this on Monday night in Chicago. It is obvious that the disclosure was made largely to try to save Mrs Margaret Thatcher from further embarrassment. The Israeli admission came only after the publication of stories claiming that Mr Peres had a conversation with her about Mr Vanunu before he disappeared from London on September 30.

Denying any telephone discussion with Mrs Thatcher on how the nuclear technician was to be brought to Israel from Britain, Mr Peres refused to shed any light on how this was done. This, therefore, continues to cause problems for the British Prime Minister.

With Mrs Thatcher facing parliamentary calls for an enquiry into the circumstances of Mr Vanunu's disappearance from Britain, the Foreign Office has asked the Israeli Government to clarify its statement on Sunday, which merely denied that "Vanunu was 'kidnapped' on British soil".

Mr William Squire, the British Ambassador in Tel Aviv, has asked for this clarification from Mr Yossi Beilin, the political Director General of the Foreign Ministry and one of Mr Peres' closest personal advisers.

However, with Mr Peres away in America and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, reportedly furious at the way foreign press reports eventually forced an admission that Mr Vanunu was in Israel, there seems little chance of early clarification clear enough to help Mrs Thatcher this week.

Explaining how Mr Vanunu arrived in Israel is not seen as important here, let alone a priority, with public opinion strongly behind it in any prosecution against him, the Government remains more concerned at trying to convince world opinion that Israel really does not have the nuclear arsenal described in *The Sunday Times*.

Mr Peres said: "This is pretended information." Even though it was untrue the case would go ahead because Mr Vanunu "does not have the right" to disclose issues "which are considered state secrets, or pertaining to".

While Mr Peres denied the story in Chicago, President Herzog, on a state visit to New Zealand, was questioned by Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister. Asked if Israel had a nuclear arsenal, Mr Herzog replied: "The answer is 'no', a clear, unequivocal 'no'."

According to informed political sources here it was concern about the international consequences of Mr Vanunu's story which led Mr Peres to telephone Mrs Thatcher before the first version appeared in the *Sunday Mirror* on September 28. It seems that it was only shortly before this that Messad, the Israeli secret service, discovered that Mr Vanunu was trying to sell the story. Mr Peres wanted to explain to Mrs Thatcher that it was innocuous and based on information supplied by someone harboring a grudge after being fired from his job.

Although statements in London and Jerusalem last



Mr Peres: trying to protect Mrs Thatcher.

weekend denied collusion between the two prime ministers in capturing the nuclear scientist, they do not deny that a conversation about the nuclear story took place. Politicians here, who say the fall was common knowledge inside the Knesset, consider the warning from Mr Peres was perfectly proper and are amazed to find that it is causing problems for Mrs Thatcher.

Meanwhile, the questioning of Mr Vanunu appears to have ended since Mr David Aron, the Police Inspector-General, has confirmed that he is now an inmate of an ordinary prison. This was denied on Sunday, indicating that he was then held in the area of a prison run by Shin Bet, the counter-intelligence agency which usually carries out interrogations.

The charges against Mr Vanunu are therefore thought to be virtually complete and the trial, which almost certainly will be in secret, can go ahead. If convicted of treason he could face at least 20 years in jail.

His family in Beersheva has gone into hiding and several of the 111 people with his surname who are listed in the town's telephone book have applied to the Ministry of the Interior for a change of name.

Israeli ministry staff questioned on fraud

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Police are questioning senior staff in the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Religious Affairs over a bribery and fraud case that has led to the arrest of Mr Rafi Levy, the District Commissioner of Jerusalem, and a senior clergyman in the city's Armenian Church.

Mrs Anna Janbo and her son, Khalil, members of an influential Palestinian family from the West Bank city of Ramallah, have also been arrested. Police claim they acted as paid go-betweens in helping residents of the occupied territories obtain the special privileges gained by Mr Levy's alleged misuse of his powerful position.

The scale and complexity of the case is such that police suspect the involvement of other senior civil servants.

There may be further arrests before those now in custody appear in court on remand next Wednesday.



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Second Swiss company admits dumping poison into Rhine before blaze

From John England, Bonn

West German anger over the pollution of the Rhine following a fire at the Sandoz chemicals plant in Basle grew yesterday when it was disclosed that another Swiss firm had dumped weed-killer into the river at the height of the blaze.

Herr Gerhard Weiser, the Minister for the Environment in the State of Baden-Württemberg, said in Stuttgart that Ciba-Geigy, the Swiss pharmaceuticals firm next to Sandoz, had released 400 kilograms of the weed-killer into the Rhine through its filtration plant.

The company said that damage at the plant had let the substance run out of a tank and into the filtration system and the river. But the chemicals it contained, mostly nitrogen and chlorine, had not poisoned the Rhine with a concentration that would be toxic for fish.

Herr Weiser said Swiss

environment protection authorities suspected Ciba-Geigy of releasing the weed-killer into the river when they could not find it on a list of leaked chemicals issued by Sandoz.

Sandoz directors yesterday said they would pay compensation for polluting the Rhine as the Greens Party in Bonn accused the firm of serious safety lapses in 1981.

Frau Hannegrat Hönes, a Greens MP, said that a report by a Zurich insurance company in 1981 had expressed concern over insufficient fire precautions in Sandoz's chemicals warehouses.

In Bonn yesterday, West German Chemicals Industry Association leaders agreed upon a number of immediate measures to check and to improve safety and warning systems at their plants following a meeting with Herr Walter Wallmann, the Federal Minister for the Environment.

Herr Wallmann is to make a

government statement on the consequences of the Sandoz plant fire in the Bundestag tomorrow.

● GENEVA: Ciba-Geigy yesterday confirmed the disclosure by Mr Weiser of a spill of a 400 litres of herbicide, Atrazin, into the Rhine at Basle, but said it occurred the day before the November 1 fire at the Sandoz plant (Alan McGregor writes).

● THE HAGUE: Dutch waterways officials said yesterday that the Swiss chemical pollution was now all within the Netherlands and the worst section was expected to wash into the North Sea by last night (Reuter reports).

● BRUSSELS Senior French, West German and Dutch government officials yesterday accused Swiss authorities of negligence in their handling of the chemical spill, a Common Market source said (Reuter reports).

Bomb attacks as Botha visits France

Terrorists hit three targets in Paris

From Diana Geddes Paris

Action Directe, the extreme left-wing terrorist group, claimed responsibility yesterday for three overnight bomb attacks against the Paris offices of Peugeot cars, Total Oil and Pechiney Steel, all of which have commercial links with South Africa. No one was injured.

The group said the attacks, which coincided with the visit to France by President Botha of South Africa, were protesting against support for the Pretoria regime and its apartheid policies from France, Western Europe and the United States.

Anti-apartheid demonstrators later clashed violently with guests arriving at Longueval, in the Somme, for the inauguration by President Botha of a memorial to the 18,500 South African soldiers who fell in France.

Windscreens were smashed and paintwork damaged as cars tried to force their way through a crowd of 500 demonstrators who crossed fields on foot to avoid roadblocks, managing to get within 500 yards of the memorial.

Chants of "Botha murderer", "Fascists out of France" and "Free Mandela" were heard by the 3,000 guests at the ceremony, who included several hundred South African war veterans, among them many blacks.

The only official French representative was the local sub-prefect. The French Government decided to boycott the ceremony and has declined to have any contact with the South African party for fear of offending their African allies on the eve of the Franco-African summit in Lambé, which starts tomorrow.

The National Front sent a delegation of war veterans from Paris, led by two National Front deputies, M Roger Holecindre and M Jean-Pierre Stirbois, deputy leader of the party.

President Botha is due to leave Paris today for what is described as an "unofficial" visit to the Portuguese archipelago of Madeira. Many Portuguese immigrants to South Africa are from Madeira.



Mr Botha laying flowers on the graves of South African soldiers at Longueval Cemetery.

Pretoria holds campaigning princes

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Two tribal princes who led a popular campaign earlier this year against a plan by the Pretoria to grant "independence" to KwaNdebele, one of 10 reserves or homelands set aside for black occupation, have been arrested and are being held without trial.

Their arrest could overshadow an attempt by the Government to revive the "independence" scheme. Pretoria suffered a major setback last August when the KwaNdebele Legislative Assembly voted against "independence", which had been set to take effect on December 11.

The two men, Prince James Mahlangu and Prince Andries Makhulu, were arrested on Monday morning at the kraal of the Ndzundza royal family near Sibabuswa, a collection of shacks and brick huts dom-

inated by a heavily-guarded administrative compound, which passes for KwaNdebele's capital.

Another member of the family, Prince Cornelius Mahlangu, said he had been told by the local police that his two relatives were being held under the state of emergency regulations.

Prince Cornelius said that anonymous pamphlets distributed in Sibabuswa yesterday accused his family of trying to get rid of the KwaNdebele Chief Minister, Mr Simon Skosana, and of seeking to maintain apartheid by opposing "independence" for the homeland.

The device of "independence" is used by Pretoria to weaken, or to eliminate altogether, the claim of large numbers of blacks to full

citizenship and political rights outside the homelands, which occupy less than 14 per cent of the total land mass of the country.

The excesses of KwaNdebele's local tribal administration forged an unlikely anti-independence alliance between the royal family and young militants.

● Young detainees: An independent monitoring body, the Detainees' Parents Support Committee, said yesterday that 66 per cent of emergency detainees it had identified by name were under the age of 25 and 47 per cent under the age of 21. It estimated that about 20,000 people had been detained for varying periods since the state of emergency was declared on June 12.

Bali court reduces Briton's sentence

Jakarta (AFP) - The Balinese High Court has commuted a life sentence to 20 years' jail for a British passport holder caught with 26.7 lbs of hashish.

Russel Duparco, aged 33, who lives in Sydney, was arrested in September 1985 in Ubud, Bali, after the hashish was found in two hollowed stone statues and a concrete table-top in his rented room.

Pilot dies

Angelholm (Reuters) - An Austrian pilot training in a Swedish-built Draken fighter, criticized as being obsolete and unsafe, died when the plane plunged into the sea off Sweden's west coast.

Pipeline deal

Kampala (AP) - An oil pipeline between the Kenyan border and Kampala will be built by Lomro, the London-based conglomerate, under an agreement with Uganda reported by a government-owned newspaper.

MP killed

Santa Cruz (AFP) - Edmundo Salazar, a left-wing member of the Bolivian Parliament whose committee work had included an investigation into drug trafficking, was murdered in front of his home.

Death penalty

Mount Holly, New Jersey (AP) - A jury granted the request of a 22-year-old man and sentenced him to death instead of life in jail for killing a young mother.

Rape graves

Perth (Reuters) - An arrested couple led police to the shallow graves of four naked women believed to be victims of sex attacks near here.

Rocket delay

Cape Canaveral (AP) - NASA announced the eighth postponement of an Atlas-Centaur rocket that is to launch a US military communications satellite.

Polls resume

Maputo (Reuters) - Mozambique's second general elections since independence in 1975, suspended after President Machel's death last month, have resumed.

Stockholm seeks talks on refugees

From Christopher Mosey Stockholm

Mr Georg Andersson, the Immigration Minister, has angrily denied that Sweden plans to limit its refugee intake. He said, however, that he was seeking a European ministerial meeting to discuss the growing problem.

His statement to Parliament followed recent incidents involving the deportation of illegal immigrants.

Mr Andersson refused to answer an allegation made by Mrs Maria Leissner, a Liberal MP, that he was helping to bolster racial hatred in Sweden by labelling it as both "grotesque" and "senseless". Mrs Leissner, however, refused to withdraw her allegation, demanding to know whether Sweden had held secret talks with East Germany aimed at stemming the flood of refugees.

Mr Andersson denied that it had, but said it was "intensely" seeking a European ministerial meeting to discuss the problem.

Tension grows in Spanish enclave

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, has been forced, while on an official visit to Latin America, to respond to a new upsurge of tension in Melilla, one of Spain's two enclaves in North Africa claimed by Morocco.

Señor González said on Monday night in Guayaquil that the Socialist Government would continue with the integration of the Muslim population living and working in Melilla, granting Spanish nationality "to those legally entitled to it".

Madrid is now faced with a growing alienation of its Arab population in Melilla over the chronic and inexplicable slowness in granting Spanish nationality to those Arabs who want it.

The Madrid Interior Ministry has admitted that only 400 of the 2,000 Spanish passports applied for by Arabs in the enclave this year have been granted so far.

There are between 20,000 and 30,000 Arabs of Moroccan origin in the enclave out of a total population of some

65,000. But the Spanish Christian population, which lives largely from trading with surrounding Morocco, resists integration.

Tension shot up after a weekend assembly in Melilla of some 2,000 Arabs summoned by Aomar Mohamedi Duda, a local Muslim leader, declared they had "lost all confidence in the Spanish Government" and asserted the enclave's "Arab, Muslim and Maghrebi" character.

Granting dual Spanish and Moroccan nationality is the only solution, the assembly found, adding a threat to look from now on for support "from all sympathetic Arab peoples".

The Muslim leader, who was appointed the Interior Ministry's adviser on Muslim affairs two months ago after he helped put down five days of street disturbances in the enclave over the passport issue, has now threatened to resign. Yesterday he warned the Spanish Government not to issue aliens identity cards to any local Muslims.

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US Catholic bishops face threat of split over Vatican actions

From Michael Binyon, Washington

American Roman Catholic bishops have been meeting in Washington this week in an atmosphere of crisis, as recent Vatican actions against liberal Catholics and pronouncements on sexual morality have stirred up widespread anger here and threaten to cause a schism within the US Catholic Church.

Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, the outgoing President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, told the opening session of their annual meeting on Monday there was the danger of a "growing and dangerous disaffection between the Vatican and the US Church".

He said he had proposed a meeting between the Pope and top US church officials to try to ease tensions before the Pope visits eight American cities next year, and said the Vatican had responded positively.

There have been warnings that the papal visit could be marked by angry demonstrations if the tensions worsen.

At issue are the Pope's recent attempts to rein in reform and quiet dissent, especially in the United States, his forthright condemnation of homosexuality and of Catholic ministry to homosexuals and a series of rebukes, bans, dismissals and other disciplinary measures, including excommunication, imposed on liberal Catholic priests and theologians who have challenged traditional Vatican teaching.

Dominating the annual conference is one recent case that has deeply distressed many American Catholics — disciplinary action against the popular Archbishop of Seattle, Bishop Raymond Hunthausen, who was chastised for, among other things, "affiliations" with homosexual groups that oppose the Church's teaching on homosexuality.

This is widely believed to refer to his opening his Cathedral for a Mass celebrated by the 5,000-member

Catholic homosexual group, Dignity, during its 1983 convention in Seattle. The organization has held regular meetings before in churches in New York, Chicago, Baltimore and elsewhere, with the consent and even occasional officiation of conservative bishops. However, liberals complain, Archbishop Hunthausen has also been prominent in opposing nuclear arms, provoking his opponents to complain volubly to the Vatican about his liturgical practices.

Last month the Vatican released a document specifying some of the charges against the Archbishop, which included the practising in Catholic hospitals of contraceptive sterilizations; the reception of non-Catholics in the communion; the use of former priests in teaching positions or as leading participants at Mass; the improper ministry to homosexuals; and the disregard of rules on the annulment of marriage.

Bishop Malone singled out the affair as a central issue in the Vatican struggle to reassert orthodoxy. He defended the conference's right to discuss the case, despite the ban on interference in relations between the Pope and a local bishop, and said the conference was simply trying to offer "fraternal support" to Archbishop Hunthausen and the Seattle Church.

The disciplining comes in the wake of a Vatican ban in the summer on Father Charles Curran, who has been forbidden to teach theology at the Catholic university in Washington because of his liberal views on sexual morality.

Others recently banned or rebuked include Sister Patricia Hussey, who was told to stick to the Church stand on abortion, and Sister Barbara Ferraro, who joined her in signing an advertisement supporting a woman's right to choose an abortion; Sarah Beth Eason, aged 12, who was told to recant her support for a statement on abortion or leave her Catholic school; Father Terrance Sweeney, who left the Jesuit order in August after refusing to suppress a survey of bishops' views on celibacy and women priests; and Miss Mary Ann Sorrentino, who

was excommunicated for her activism in upholding abortion in a planned parenthood group.

Surveys show that Vatican teaching is increasingly at odds with the views of most US Catholics. On abortion, more than a third favour keeping it legal. On divorce, most Catholics believe people should be allowed to divorce and remarry. Most also see nothing wrong in pre-marital sex, favour the use of contraceptives and say women and married men should not be excluded from the priesthood. And roughly half favour legalizing homosexual relations.

Conservatives say it is high time the Pope reaffirmed his authority

The US Catholic Church, with 52 million members, is large and influential.

The bishops say this is the worst crisis with the Vatican since their national conference began 20 years ago. But there were similar strains between Rome and the US at the turn of the century, when the popes strongly condemned "Americanism" in the Church, and US Catholic support for the separation of Church and state.

Liberal concern at the Vatican crackdown has been reinforced by the steady papal appointment of conservative bishops who mirror the Pope's traditional views. US conservative Catholics say it is high time the Pope reaffirmed his authority, and blame the US hierarchy for not reasserting Catholic teaching forcefully.

The Hunthausen case has led to considerable controversy in Catholic publications here. More than 13,000 Catholics in Washington State signed petitions asking the Pope to restore the archbishop's full authority in the five areas where he has been stripped of power. The bishops will discuss the issue in closed session.

On Monday Bishop Malone also highlighted disagreement on the ordination of women and on theological teaching.

He said the Church must recognize that more had to be done to end the inequality faced by women.



A soldier, wearing a First World War helmet, taking a photograph with his pocket camera of the Armistice Day celebrations on the Champs-Elysees yesterday.

EEC aid tailored to needs of recipients

From Our Correspondent Brussels

Common Market development aid will take a new and more effective course in the wake of the decision by EEC development ministers to tailor it to the needs of recipient countries.

After years in which the entire European food-aid budget was geared to disposing of EEC food surpluses instead of the needs of the Third World, Britain and the European Commission have taken the lead in changing the priorities.

The 12 ministers decided yesterday that food aid should now be used, together with other development aid, to make the best possible use of the resources of Third World countries to develop their own agriculture and economies.

They also decided that food could be bought from other developing countries and given to nations where there was famine. The EEC's money would be more usefully employed in this way than by giving away European products which are of no use to starving children.

The decision gives long-overdue recognition to the serious problem created by dumping EEC wheat or milk products in the Third World.

It has long been argued by aid organizations that food aid can undermine the agricultural economy of countries where farmers can then not sell the domestic produce and that wheat aid often changes tastes away from traditional food. Many Third World regions have allergies to dairy products which makes donations of milk powder pointless and sometimes damaging.

Singapore opposition leader is jailed

From M. G. G. Pillai Kuala Lumpur

Mr Joshua Benjamin Jeyaratnam, Singapore's Opposition leader and a bitter political opponent of Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister, lost his seat in Parliament yesterday as he began a one-month jail sentence.

He was also fined \$55,000 (£1500). The High Court rejected his appeal against a lower court conviction for fraud arising out of his Workers' Party funds, and refused him leave to appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeal. Convicted with him was the chairman of his party.

Mr Jeyaratnam told several hundred people who stood outside the High Court yesterday that he would return.

Mr Jeyaratnam, aged 58 and a British-trained barrister, became the unlikely challenger to Mr Lee's autocratic hold over Singapore when he was unexpectedly returned to Parliament in a by-election in 1981.

His support increased over the years and in the 1984 general elections was returned with a larger majority.

It was one man against the system and Mr Lee promised to remove him from the public scene.

This has now occurred since a Member of Parliament automatically loses the seat if he is fined more than \$52,000 (£600) or jailed for more than 12 months.

The Government's campaign against him began from the day he entered Parliament. He was the first opposition member in 14 years and his performance was enough to send a second man to Parliament in the 1984 elections.

The Government enacted several laws to circumscribe their activities in Parliament including the removal of protection for libel for statements uttered in the House.

Mr Jeyaratnam had widened debate but whether he has succeeded in persuading more Singaporeans to come out and be counted is uncertain.

Under Singaporean laws the Government need not hold a by-election except at its convenience. If Mr Jeyaratnam is replaced by another opposition member, then the problems for the ruling People's Action Party would only be compounded, sources in Singapore said last night.

Canadian Liberal leader challenged

From John Best Ottawa

Mr John Turner's hopes of retaining the leadership of the Canadian Liberal Party were dealt another blow yesterday when a prominent Quebec Liberal spoke out against him.

Mr Marc Lalonde, a former Finance Minister, called a press conference in Montreal to announce that he favoured a leadership review. More than 3,000 Liberals will vote on that question at a party convention at the end of the month.

Mr Turner, who was Prime Minister briefly in 1984 after taking over the Liberal leadership from Mr Pierre Trudeau, could have a difficult time holding on to his job. Many Liberals feel that at the age of 57 he is not the strong leader needed to restore the party to power.

They point to the fact that while the Liberals have for several months led the ruling Conservatives in the opinion polls, Mr Turner himself has consistently trailed the other party leaders.

Mr Lalonde, who was a senior Cabinet minister for 12 years in successive Trudeau governments, is a power to be reckoned with in French-speaking Quebec — traditionally a Liberal stronghold despite the Conservatives winning 58 of 75 seats in the 1984 election. Outside Quebec, however, he is anything but universally popular and his views may not sway the convention.

The increasingly vicious fight took a new twist at the weekend when a group of 20

dissident Liberals gathered in Montreal to form a "Dump-Turner Movement".

A few weeks earlier, it was reported that a group of Liberals was scheming to bring back Mr Trudeau. This, however, was denied by Senator Keith Davey, around whom the cabal was said to be forming.

A strong "Keep-Turner Movement" also exists, however. Recently, it published a list of more than 100 prominent Liberals who have pledged loyalty to him.

THE ARTS

Amazing leap into the future

John Russell Taylor, in Amsterdam, reviews a spectacular celebration of a turbulent time in Holland's history

GALLERIES

In an Amsterdam recently rocked by quite violent demonstrations against the opening of the new Museumtheater, it is not perhaps so odd that the major shows in the city at present are all connected with the iconoclasm. Indeed, there are, throughout Holland, no fewer than seven shows all related to one another and to the same subject. The iconoclasm in question is nothing to do with the oddities of 20th-century opinion, however, but the great destruction of Papiast which took place in Holland in 1566, and again, in a more thoroughgoing way, from 1580, when Roman Catholic worship was officially forbidden by the authorities.

This may sound like a purely historical excursion, and no doubt that is so in some sections, notably the show in Amsterdam at the Gemeentearchief, entitled *Turbulent Days* (until Saturday), which sensibly confines itself to filling in the background in the growth of Amsterdam and the changes in its social structure at around this time. But the principal show at the Rijksmuseum until November 22, *Art Before the Iconoclasm: North Netherlands 1525-1580*, though it too has its historic interest, is an exhibition of international importance, and in many respects a revelation.

The point is not so much the ending of this phase in the iconoclasm as the astonishing leap forward that Netherlandish art took in these few short years, from the Middle Ages to the High Renaissance. Of course, it had a lot to do with history: the rapid development of Amsterdam into a centre of international trade and the jumping-off point for maritime exploration meant that the citizens became much more cosmopolitan-minded, the artists were more inclined to travel, especially to Italy, and there was a more receptive public for the new ideas they brought back.

The astounding fame of the Rembrandt era in Dutch art, with its primarily secular interests, has tended to obscure, even in Holland, the glory of



Early example of Renaissance Italian impact on Dutch art in Jacob van Oostzaan's *Saint and the Witch of Endor*

what came before, even without the brutal punctuation of the iconoclasm. But the new Rijksmuseum show, which draws on collections as far-flung as Leningrad and Baltimore, should permanently open eyes to the splendours of the Dutch 16th century.

Some of this is summed up in the curious *trompe-l'oeil* self-portrait by Maarten van Heemskerck from the Fitzwilliam, in which the older painter shows himself in front of a painting of his earlier self painting the Colosseum in Rome. It is an image of enormous confidence, and considerable virtuosity. And these qualities are not belied by the other Heemskercks in the show, such as the amazing *Triptych with the Crucifixion* from the Hermitage, where the compositional intricacies learnt in Italy are combined with a very characteristically Dutch taste for ruthless realism in the depiction of the faces of the crowd. This ability of Heemskerck to absorb Italian influence but not be overwhelmed by it seems to be fairly typical of the Dutch artists of this period.

Equally striking is the work of Heemskerck's master Jan van Scorel, in which one can

sense even more intensely the excitingly precarious balance between the Northern and the Latin approaches. His *Diptych of The Virgin and Child with Donor*, here reunited for the first time in centuries from Berlin and Tambow, has this same distinctive quality, and elsewhere one can see just what a revelation Italian art must have been to him when one compares these paintings with the very Dutch, very realistic *Twelve Members of the Jerusalem Brotherhood* (including himself) all in one uncompromising row across the panel, which is only about two years earlier.

The show also contains sculpture (a little), a wide variety of drawings and prints, examples of the decorative and domestic arts and even a full-scale stained-glass window, on holiday as it were from St John's Church in Gouda, while it is being restored, by the great master of the time, Dirck Crabeth. This last does vividly make the point that artists in such media, though often closely comparable with their peers in easel-painting, are very seldom compared because of the relative inaccessibility of their work.

OPERETTA

Die Fledermaus

Fernoy Centre, King's Lynn

Opera - even *Die Fledermaus*, even *The Bat* - is something of an event in Lowestoft, Ramsgate, Corby, even in King's Lynn; and 15 towns in East Anglia and the northern Home Counties have Opera Fest to thank for making it happen at all.

Their stark, economic *Carmen* two years ago was memorable; this year's Johann Strauss proves an almost insuperable challenge on half a shoestring.

The orchestra, a band of a baker's dozen, rise to that challenge superbly. Conducted by Howard Burrell, they play like fun-loving *Kaffehaus* serenaders, even striking up a waltz or two as Act II changes into Act III. Otherwise it is goodbye to Vienna. Robert Carson sets his portable production in the age of the portable radio; it is the hedonism and posturing of the 1960s which he celebrates.

In *Lez* Brotherton's set of silvery reflecting wall-panels,

a blowsy Adele (Deborah Clague) chews gum and vacuum-cleans; Rosahind (Fiona O'Neill) launies her Yves St Laurent Mondrian mini-dress; Alfred (Timothy Evans-Jones) is idolized on an Ekco turntable; Eisenstein (Philip Curtis) loses his battle with the traffic warden. The accents (particularly Jonathan Brill's Glaswegian Froesch) are as embarrassing as David Parry's English translation; attempts to merge the twist with the waltz are disastrous.

Where the production saves itself is in the ingenious solutions offered to the short-fall of sheer personnel. The Act II finale, which I was dreading, is a *tour de force*, with the help of fashion-model dummies on skateboards at Orlofsky's party, and with shrewd pacing in the pit.

Vocally it is asti spumante rather than champagne. The principals are double-cast, but neither soprano I heard has adequate brilliance and neither tenor enough élan. But Jennifer Higgins's gleaming Orlofsky, with Glynedebourne and Kent experience behind her, is a voice to follow, and so is Christopher Blades, who governs with resonant authority as the Frank.

Hilary Finch

same time a half-hour miniature *Song of the Earth*, with two sharply and tinnily grotesque scherzos separating three songs of increasingly intense and confident ecstasy. On one level the setting is immediately responsive to the words: one hears, for instance, the "muffled sound of fruit falling from the tree" in the first song, and the celebration of the body in the second. But beneath that one senses a requiem for Mandelstam, and beneath that a fiercely beautiful piece of music for soprano, flute, harp, percussion and strings. Penelope Walmsley-Clark sang it with an entirely convincing frozen passion. Lionel Friend conducted a performance that lived up to the refinement of Firsova's scoring.

The same musicians were also responsible for the cool, guileless offering of a conundrum by Alfred Shnitke, his *Three Madrigals*, for soprano, harpsichord, percussion and string trio, setting Francisco Tanzer's riddling, cryptic little poems that seem to tell the same story, from three different viewpoints, in three different languages. Shnitke does much the same, with slight suggestions of a baroque cantata for the French text, a Webern song for the German and night-club singing for the English, and with a coda that loops, snake-like, back to the beginning, the whole thing resting with unswerving logic on its slightly mad premises.

Paul Griffiths

JAZZ

Lee Konitz

Ronnie Scott's

One of the important things about jazz - perhaps its most special attribute - derives from the listener's knowledge that it has never happened quite like this before, and never will again. That combination of uniqueness and ephemerality gives the music its fourth dimension, and is very much in evidence in the performances of Lee Konitz, the American alto saxophonist, in London this week.

Konitz came to prominence as an acolyte of the cerebral pianist and teacher Lennie Tristano in the late 1940s; his pale tone and apparently emotionless delivery exerted a powerful influence on the burgeoning "cool school". Over the years, though, his playing has ripened, becoming more inclined to let its feelings show, but his unswerving commitment to music as an intellectual activity can be heard in the way he and his British rhythm section approach their material.

He began his first set on Monday with a treatment of "On Green Dolphin Street", that inoffensive standard, so extraordinary that this listener, at least, will never forget it. Opening with a pianissimo examination of a single fragment of modulation, the quartet spent the next 15 minutes or so piecing the tune together in a spellbinding series of slow-motion variations. John Taylor's piano, Dave Green's bass and Trevor Tomkins's drums assumed full partnership in the conversation, creating tension without strain, intensity without rhetoric.

We know from his past exploits that Konitz is a virtuoso on anybody's terms; recently, though, he has chosen to purge his playing of technical display. Nowadays he can sound almost tentative as he tests each note for weight, timbre and structural integrity, but his carefully concealed wit showed through at one point as he appeared to play "Chicago" and "Fast Changing Rhythm" simultaneously, and at another as he dropped a few bars of "Johnny One Note" into an otherwise rigorous mapping of Monk's "Straight, No Chaser". This is deceptively unobtrusive music of great complexity and sophistication, for which no recommendation is too high.

Richard Williams

As carbuncles go, the monstrous protuberance on the roof of the newly-renovated Brussels opera-house is doing well in the controversy stakes. The fact that this tent-shaped structure perched above the classical facade of the Théâtre de la Monnaie contains a rehearsal-room with a spectacular view over Brussels, an upper lobby of daring design and the "paradis" - a large gallery accommodating probably the best seats in the house - does little to dissuade the average Brusselsite from the opinion that his well-loved theatre looks like nothing so much as an old-fashioned toaster with the toast popped up.

Gérard Mortier, director of the Belgian Opera, is unrepentant. The transformation cost only one-seventh of the final figure of the latest Belgian motorway section, and only half what they spent on the opera-house in Hamburg. The Belgian state put up the entire billion francs needed to bring the Monnaie up to scratch, and Mortier is evidently well pleased with the result. The volume and dimensions of the old theatre remain the same, but he has created "a tool as malleable as possible, with the means of our age to do it".

The Opera has been closed for a year, Maurice Béjart banished with his new production of *The Martyrdom of St Sebastian* to the old Circus building, while technicians from Britain and the United States have been working on the construction of an entirely new stage mechanism. Four massive steel columns support the "technical grille" with its fully automated system of 50 independently operated pulleys and hoists which can run on diagonals as well as the more conventional backwards and forwards.

The stage has been taken up to install four hydraulic scenery lifts, and even the orchestra pit can be raised in its entirety for symphony concerts. Previously it took an army of men a whole day to remove the pit; now the operation takes only minutes. Mortier is most proud of the new curtain. "It goes three ways. Up and down, the German system, very good for *Elektra* or when you want a sudden dramatic end. Sideways, the Greek way, for Verdi and long drawn-out death-scenes. And a l'italien", hooked up from the top corners, for romantic ballets.

Not that he's going to be much ballet at the Monnaie for a while. Béjart is going to stay based at the Circus with his Fifities Buick convertibles on stage and his avant-garde martyrdoms.

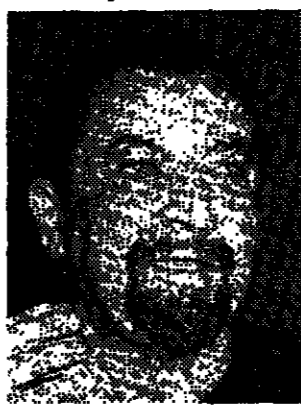
In keeping with its new-found role as "Capital of Europe", Brussels has long needed national institutions of an artistic kind on a par with London and Paris. The best singers were not being attracted to the Monnaie as they were in the heyday of the Brussels opera when Maria Malibran sang there and Richard Wagner conducted his works. But the new season is to be launched tomorrow with a production of *Der Rosenkavalier* conducted by Sir John Pritchard, the cast including Felicity Lott. "It is

The Théâtre de la Monnaie in Brussels returns to business tomorrow night, after an ambitious and controversial renovation, when Sir John Pritchard conducts *Der Rosenkavalier*. Julia Owen reports

Looking for the room at the top



Gérard Mortier (above), unrepentantly delighted with the new house; and Maurice Béjart, temporarily a martyr at the Circus



the last great national building", explains one Flemish-speaking arts observer with passion. "If we lose this building, we haven't anything more."

Gérard Mortier is Flemish, from Ghent, a lawyer by training. Caught up with the administrative side of the Festival of Flanders, his passion for the theatre, and opera in particular, combined with his driving ambition soon took him to full-time theatre management jobs in Germany. His appointment at the Monnaie five years ago came at the time as something of a surprise; in retrospect it was the inevitable choice. Diminutive, charming and conservatively dressed in immaculate navy blazer and grey flannels, he does look disarmingly like a Ghent lawyer. Talked of as a possible candidate for jobs in the big league - New York, London or Milan - Mortier is showing his mettle at the Monnaie. "The Mint with the Hole", as the Monnaie was dubbed during the removal of the old

dome roof, was in fact originally built on the site of the old city mint in the Hôtel d'Ostrevant after the devastation of the French bombardment which flattened most of medieval Brussels in 1695. Napoleon, passing through in 1810, thought the city could do with a larger cultural establishment among other things and had plans drawn up by Danseuse for a new theatre. The gaslit auditorium erupted with the spark of revolution 20 years later. As Auber's long-forgotten duet from *La Muette de Portici* whipped the audience to "Amour sacré de la patrie", they rushed out on to the streets and began the short but violent revolution which was to bring Brussels to independence.

In 1885, during a rehearsal for Meyerbeer's *Prophète*, the Monnaie burnt down. As in 1985 it took just one year to rebuild the theatre. Poelaert, architect of the absurdly ornate Palace of Justice, got the job. Instead of a traditional Italian-style opera-house, he went for the French, with balconies and loggias and a perfectly awful ceiling of air-borne maroons in drapery that hangs as heavily as wet bath-towels - which is the other great Monnaie controversy.

Mortier wanted it restored. The auditorium has mostly been left intact, with red plush seats, carved gilt torchères and little plaques of honour to such musicians as Offenbach, Meyerbeer and Grétry. The other artworks in the foyer and in the new Salon Royal have been drastically rethought. Paid for by generous corporate sponsors, two Americans were chosen to live up the entrance hall. So Le Wit did the zebra-striped marble floor and Sam Francis did the ceiling, which is cheerful and blobby and, most importantly, modern. "We wanted to put a modern stamp on this building. This is the signature of our age," explains the ebullient Mortier. He did not give in so easily over the ceiling in the auditorium, which is now an expensive and painstakingly faithful copy of the old chocolate-box lid.

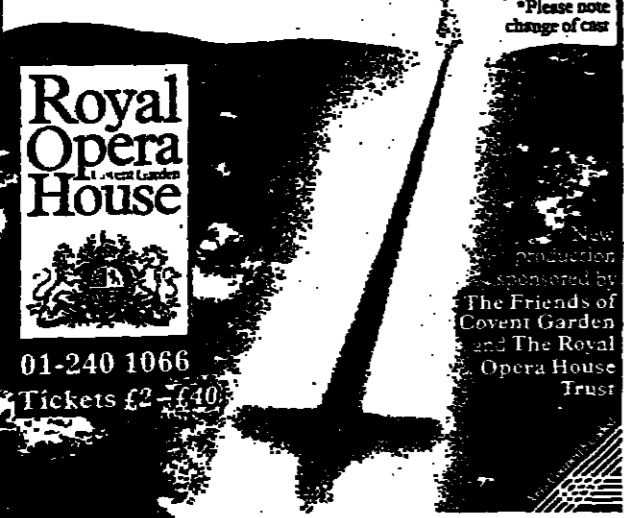
But controversy in the Opera is nothing new. At least downstairs in the bowels of the theatre the technicians and spear-carriers are content. The phantom of the opera would have no hiding-place here among the finely polished lockers of the chorus dressing-room and the rough brick vaulted instrument store. In the modern canteen, lighting men sit shoulder to shoulder with baritones and contraltos tucking into a sturdy diet of waterzooi and rich cream flans. The whole atmosphere of the theatre is happier than seasoned observers have noticed during recent years.

The question now is whether the new Monnaie will attract the calibre of international stars and soloists it deserves, or whether the grandiose scheme of the architect Charles Vandenhove and his team will remain the empty showcase for middle-of-the-road productions it became in the Seventies. For Gérard Mortier the real work at the Théâtre de la Monnaie has still to begin.

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Only a few years ago it would have been unthinkable that the BBC should be able to commission a young Soviet composer, and still more unthinkable that the composer should be able to fulfil the commission with a setting of poems by Mandelstam. The appearance of Elena Firsova's solo cantata *Earthly Life*, which had its first performance in Monday night's Radio 3 Russian Season concert, therefore would be specially welcome if it could be taken as a sign that the Soviet authorities are recognizing the vitality of past and present artists, and moving beyond the crude (and worse) attempts at stifling.

Programming the Firsova alongside Stravinsky's *Three Quartet Pieces* suggested how long the wait has been, for only now does it seem possible for Russian composers to make contact with what was Stravinsky's 70 and 80 years ago: the objectivity, the mechanical patterning, the intricate simplicity, the utterly fresh, naked lyricism that has its basis in the modes and repeated motifs of Russian folk-song. *Earthly Life* is at the

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Continuing our series, Brian James finds that criticism of police heavy-handedness has been taken on board in the training colleges

Part 3: Learning to cope

The girl seems hysterical and the youth in that unstable state of rapidly-sobering drunkenness. Keeping her from landing one of her ineffectual blows, or him from wandering away, while at the same time trying to find out what has happened, takes every atom of the young police constable's attention.

Then his sergeant steps in. "Fine. You've got good control. Watching what both are doing. Using all your senses. But are you remembering exactly what she's saying? You must, boy, that's your evidence. You looked calm enough outside. But inside?"

"Jelly", says the constable, and nearly everyone laughs. This has all been play-acting, one of the dozens of dramas created daily in the street mock-up at the Metropolitan police training school at Hendon.

"Jelly" says one attractive but unsmiling onlooker. "What does he think it will be like out there? Here he is safe and comfy; he knows the classmate playing the girl is not going to rip his face, or the boy is not going to come up with a knife." WPC Beverley Sims is one of the street tutors pulled off their beats to visit Hendon and administer a daily douche of icy reality.

Reality, meaning real events, is impossible to insert into the training of the 1,800 men and women who are processed through Hendon each year. But reality, in the sense that no recruit is unaware of the often appalling realities of police work, is threaded through the training in a way that I found not less than remarkable.

Until a few years ago, police training was 16 weeks' "chalk and talk" training; recruits learned the law and police procedures by rote. They would get the occasional hour on social responsibility; they were told it was bad, on balance, to call a man a "coon", or to regard all unemployed as workshy. Effectively, "the Met" has owned

Today's raw police recruit will have to be all things to all men. His duties will range from coping with riots to catching pheasant rustlers. Continuing our series, Brian James finds that criticism of police heavy-handedness has been taken on board in the training colleges



Back to school: new recruits at the Metropolitan police training school in Hendon, where they will learn the lore of the law

up, aware of where it had failed and how it has still to convince the doubters outside the police, and destructive cynics within.

Now, for the first five weeks of the course recruits scarcely open the four great binders of information they must absorb. Their time is entirely occupied by personal awareness training, learning the skills of their task rather than its rules. They learn to talk and to listen, to use their judgement rather than apply stereotyped responses, to deal with the fears and suspicions of others while coping with their own stress.

In the "listening lab" Sergeant Johnstone Lowry is in charge. He plays into the recruits' earphones a loud, scarcely-intelligible Glasgow accent, and asks: "Tell us about this guy?" Words such as "hooligan" and "drunk" fill the room. The man, says the sergeant, is a Scottish university professor, reading a folk tale. The accent is accurate, their expectation has betrayed them.

Racism crops up naturally here. Sgt Lowry has a tape of a young Rastafarian getting nowhere talking to a PC. "The lesson here is it is the PC who is asking for help, so why was he getting angry because he couldn't understand? It was his problem, not the witness's. So you start again, own up, and ask the youth to help you get it down right by speaking slowly."

Lowry comments: "If they follow what they're taught they can't go wrong. Theoretically. We know that pollution starts the day they leave. Because the public don't play fair, can be unreasonable and stupid even when you are playing it right. And because other officers, older men, will undermine you."

The next class is watching a video taken by a patrol at an incident scene. It captures the chaos marvellously. Was it a crime, a fight, road accident? All three. Someone is hurt

How badly? Was there someone walking away who must be held? Someone saying nothing who could tell all?

The class suggests ways to unlock the mysteries. "Reward them with thanks, compliments for every little bit of help." "Tell them it might be them next time... bitta blackmail." "Use their language, not jargon." "Make it plain we're human. Not what they've heard, louts in Doc Marten boots."

The keenness is impressive. But it is just training. "Yes," says Chief Superintendent Bernard Luckhurst, the college commandant, "and there is nothing we can do to prepare them for the antagonism that awaits them. It will be a real culture shock finding out that people don't like you. They have to learn here that the uniform is no magic cloak to hide behind. All it gets them is a hearing; they had better make sure they are talking sense."

But what of that other great police "classroom", the canteen, which can be a lecture-room full of vital street lore, or a malign repository of corrosive street "wisdom"? As

REQUIREMENTS AND REWARDS

HENDON TRAINING COLLEGE: Recruits numbered 1,464 this year; average age, 23½ years

SELECTION CRITERIA: Qualifications: five O-levels. Examination: an 80-minute test of verbal, mathematical, and organizational abilities. Example: how many 1½ pint bottles will it take to fill a 12 gallon cask (1 gallon is 8 pints)?

SALARY: Constable: (after 1 year) £9,648; (after 4 years) £12,213. Sergeant: £14,832; £16,088. Inspector: £17,271; £18,783.

Luckhurst says, canteen culture is still an obstacle. "It will take time to erode the worst influences of the know-it-all old bobbies."

Chief Inspector Syd Oliver will even provide a time scale for the change to be complete. "Two or three years. By then we should have out there the caring, feeling and thinking police force the public deserve. We took a long time to change. Too long. We took a deep swallow, admitted where we were wrong. But we still don't seem able to sell it."

"Sure, it seems a bit 'Lead kindly light' here. They'll face a moral dilemma when they hear some racist remark in the canteen. There are still a few animals in the job. But if we haven't given them the con-

science to deal with other coppers, they certainly don't have what they'll need to take what the streets throw at them."

Back from another play-acting session, with a woman pretending to be involved in a fight with a neighbour over a broken fence, ("Trivial? Perhaps. But then so is 95 per cent of police work. It's not all Stursky and Hunt, and the lass fuming over her broken fence is as entitled to a professional response as the manager of a burgled bank"), we meet Chief Inspector Paul Mathias. Possessed of a double degree in psychology, he insists that the move to moderate police training was

under way before Lord Scarman's incisive report in 1981.

"Some still think our new ideology is 'soft', making us vulnerable on the toughest streets. Those people are few and getting fewer. This force is committed to this course. There is simply no doubt about the commonsense Met that is emerging."

We finish at Hendon by talking to a random group in the recruits' canteen. They have enrolled for all the expected reasons: pay, security, a job worth doing. Beyond that, they positively gleam with motivation. They have one reservation about the training: "Too much time locked up here insulated from the public." (The force is looking at a plan to intersperse the 20 weeks' basic training with the six weeks' beat probation.) They have an evident fear of the physical danger that awaits them. They have absolutely no illusion about the moral problems that will face them. "It's going to be 'us and them'. Yes, inside the station, as well as out. But if they give us a fair chance, we can crack it," says one.

'There has to be give and take in the country'

As poachers stalk through the deceptive calm of rural Dorset, the village policeman is on the scent

Police Constable David Wright is a rare creature these days: a satisfied policeman. Perhaps this is not surprising, since his beat covers villages with names like Bloxworth and Bere Regis. He keeps watch over Whittam Bottom, Morden Bog and another 30,000 acres north of the Purbecks in Dorset.

His white Ford Escort swings down the autumnal lanes, through woods and past farms. The police radio in the car is usually silent; there is none of the constant babble of radio traffic to be found in an urban patrol car. David Wright nods or raises a hand from the wheel to acknowledge a villager here or a farmhand there.

"Morning, Charlie," he calls to an old man carrying a pair of aged shears on the outskirts of a village.

Wright has been a village policeman and rural beat officer for the past 23 years. In that time the cities have been rent by decay, muggings, dissemination and rape. Even nearby Bournemouth has gained a bad reputation. In recent years the rural crime rate has more than doubled. During October his work included the theft of 60 bags of fertilizer and two vanishing wage packets. On a moonlit night a poacher - Wright uses the term "gentleman of the night" with considerable scorn - helped himself to 800 young pheasants, slaughtering them in breeding pens with an air rifle and earning £4,000.

It's a world where courting couples are simply indulging in "country pursuits" and are ignored unless they are being outrageous, but where a car with a huncher hound in the back will be checked carefully. The dogs are used to pull down deer at night.

An acknowledged expert on poaching, Wright has to deal with a beat which includes hundreds of deer, pheasants and game fish, which fall prey to more than 40 known poachers. He and the local gamekeepers constantly exchange information in a quiet war of attrition.

In the low hills and woods north of the small town of



Field work: PC David Wright out on rural patrol

Wareham, he is often both beat officer and detective. "I doubt if I call in the CID more than once or twice a year," he said. He believes "you have got to show people you are following things up and you are interested in the job."

A policeman cannot operate without the public and Wright works to maintain a good relationship. His informal network of contacts is scrupulously protected from prying eyes. They are needed, for Wright maintains that his beatwork is deceptively calm. Every church has been raided for religious antiques and many of the wealthier people's homes have been burgled over the years. The homogeneous nature of the country has changed. "That house belongs to a lawyer. This one is owned by a surgeon. City folk are moving out here, adding to the residents of housing estates tucked on to villages."

Wright stops as a tractor finishes loading maize. "That's what they call an obstruction in the Met," he says. "In the country you have to have a bit of give and take."

Stewart Tendler

TOMORROW

Back to the future: village bobbies for our inner cities?

Counting the notes

How an energetic young conductor led a college orchestra into the top league



"Conductor wanted. £5 a session. Apply Chelsea College Orchestra" read the advertisement pinned to the Royal College of Music's noticeboard. For music graduate (Hans) Nicholas Dodd it was the overture to a relationship which was to inspire fulfilment and drain him - physically, emotionally and financially.

At the time, however, it was precisely what the budding conductor was looking for and he offered his services on two conditions: that he could bring in other young musicians and that the name be changed to the Chelsea Symphony Orchestra. "When I took it on it consisted of eight members who met every week and I knew that you couldn't make music like that," he says.

Today, six years later, the CSO is one of the country's leading amateur orchestras. It gives about eight concerts a year as well as the occasional overseas performance and on Friday it will be playing Beethoven and Tchaikovsky at its spiritual home, the Chelsea Old Town Hall.

For Dodd, 29, it has been an uphill struggle which has dominated his life. He sold his beloved synthesizers for £5,000 to fund the orchestra for two years and then ran out of money. When he mentioned to one of the CSO's fans, a newsagent, that the coming concert would be the orchestra's last, the man got up on stage and delivered an impassioned plea for a benefactor. In the audience was Martin Summers, who owns an art gallery. He offered to become the orchestra's presi-

dent and holds fund-raising musical evenings at his home. He even spent £60,000 of his own money to take the orchestra to New York.

Even so, the ultimate financial responsibility as well as the day-to-day running of the CSO remains with Dodd. "It's 90 per cent administration and 10 per cent learning of scores," he says. One of his biggest headaches is finding musicians under 25 with the talent and commitment he demands. It is a measure of his success that between 50 and 60 turn up every Wednesday night for rehearsal.

Dodd operates from his parents' two-bedroomed terrace house in suburban Surrey which he admits he has taken over. His narrow bedroom contains synthesizers and recording equipment recently replaced with the money he earned from composing the advertising jingles for Vauxhall cars, Lloyds Bank and L'Oreal shampoo; the rest of the money went on the CSO's Paris tour earlier this year. "I suppose I was a stupid idiot. I should have invested it and waited a year."

He is currently waiting to see the profits from his first cassette, *Starlands*, which he composed, arranged, performed and produced in his bedroom studio. He describes himself as a "musician on call", ready to attend dinners at a moment's notice if there is a chance of raising funds. His ambition is to be an international conductor and to be known for his versatile compositions. Meanwhile he would like to be relieved of the administrative pressures of the CSO.

"If I said Nicholas Dodd was the CSO I hope that wouldn't sound arrogant," says Dodd. "But I've put my heart and soul into this. I think we are more exciting in certain instances than some professional orchestras, not technically better but more electric. We give it wally."

Sally Brompton
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New taboos for old values

These days I find myself quite grim at all the gloomy news about the diseases associated with making love. What's needed, said one of the daily papers recently, is chastity, or a really serious outbreak of sexual loyalty. Perhaps that is why one of them chose to put on its front page a three-column story on the undergraduates of Balliol College's junior common room who voted last week to outlaw displays of kissing and cuddling.

It was all rather outlandish. Jim Betts, aged 21, who proposed the motion, was quoted sounding very old fogey. He spoke of "a long history of people groping and fondling each other in our common room", which certainly hasn't been

We don't like to see humans doing much more than embracing

the popular view of the Balliol of the Earl of Stockton and Edward Heath. Betts dated the college's sexual problems to 1978, when co-education arrived.

I was curious about the story and telephoned Balliol. I wondered if this was one of those periodic shifts of manners and mores that happen in a city. Were public displays of affection now deemed by the human T-lymphotropic retrovirus type 1? Will sexuality be the new taboo?

No, said some Balliol students to whom I spoke. The debate really wasn't about sweeping sex under the carpet at all. It seems the junior common room at Balliol is rather

earnestly left-wing and Betts's motion to ban specifically heterosexual activities was a lampoon of the anti-heterosexuality of militant homosexuals.

Anti-heterosexuality? Surely this was a bad joke. "What's wrong with defending homosexual rights?" a second-year student asked sharply when I questioned him about the debate. I made reassuring non-committal noises. "The motion was against body fascists," the student said reprovingly. I explained that I was quite middle-aged and did not know what body fascists were. Would he mind telling me?

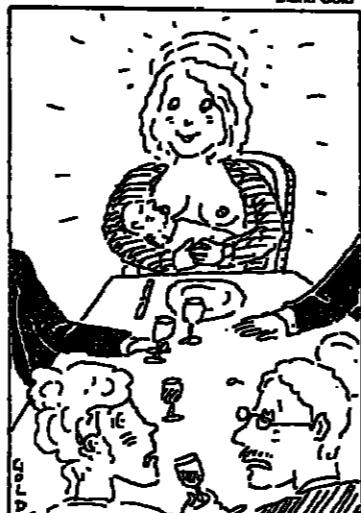
"It's someone who won't talk to you because of something about your body," he said. I was surprised that feelings about appearance and sexual predilection ran so high. When I asked him if I could use his name he said no. "You're from *The Times*, you see," he said. I was relieved that it was only that about me which gave offense.

I had always thought of myself as being fairly level-headed on such matters as sexuality. I've always been keen on genuine human rights, which include the idea that people have the right to pursue their own interests - whatever they may be - as long as they are not directly injurious to others. But the militants behind the new anti-heterosexuality have a different idea of human rights. They want, for example, not only the freedom to engage in homosexual acts but also to have them accorded the same status and approval as heterosexuality.

This expectation is bound to be disappointed when a sexual taste is clearly a minority preference that

Sexual revolutionaries are showing signs of the same bigotry they once fought, says Barbara Amiel

Diana Gold



most people find fundamentally incompatible with their own wiring. It is also an attitude which seems intolerant of the freedom of people to make judgements and hold opinions about what others do.

"Are the anti-heterosexualityists very effective?" I asked Danielle Nav, editor of Oxford's *Tribune*, a satirical gossip magazine. She didn't think so, although she drew my

attention to the Balliol discussion of a ban on family packs of sweets. Last term, she said, there was a Gay Week at Oxford and a small sticker was made which said, "Why assume I'm homosexual?"

In the end students of all persuasions wore it, said Danielle, simply because its pink triangle was so cute. She was sniffed about Wadham College, which tried to ban her magazine as being full of heterosexual propaganda.

I suppose there has always been a wedge of young people who favoured forcing their values on the world at large. I was at a lunch recently where a woman of 30 or so was engaged in a spirited conversation with the host about currency rates. Suddenly, she got up from the table and returned with a baby that had started crying in another room. To the bewilderment of our host, a genial man in his early sixties, she opened her blouse without any warning and began breast-feeding as she took up the conversation again.

Afterwards she explained that there was nothing "obscene" - her word - about breast-feeding, which was part of motherhood. Besides, a baby's needs come first, which men simply don't understand.

It seemed to me that it was not the baby's needs that were being put first but the mother's. I thought a six-month-old baby would probably have been just as happy feeding in a quiet room by itself and would not have suffered missing some spirited conversation. Short of finding oneself in a stranded tube train or a snowed-in bus, there was no "need" to breast-feed in public.

Afterwards I puzzled over the incident. Why are activities related

to human sexuality and procreative functions so startling when done in public? Why are these sorts of behaviour taboo? In the end it probably has to do with the great mystery of life. We really don't like to see human beings going much further than embracing one another in front of us because we accord a certain kind of modesty, ritual, and respect to the sexual act. One is really saluting creation.

I suppose the motives behind efforts to upset old taboos, manners and mores are mixed. There is always the simple exuberance of youth which want to *épater les bourgeois*. There is also the scoring of socio-political points, as with the anti-heterosexualityists who want to

Manners and mores foster modesty and consideration

see their values replace those of traditional society.

I may be wrong, but I don't expect society is going to be very influenced by any of this. It may have to get worse before it gets better, of course, and we will have a few more outbursts of anti-heterosexuality school books in Brent and some JCRs will censor Cilla Black for her narrow-mindedness on *Blind Date*. But I don't think we'll lose sight of the reasons for manners and mores: they are tools with which to foster consideration, modesty and self-control - without which societies lose both tolerance and decency.

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BRIEFLY

Widow's might

There are more than three million widows in Britain, and each day about 500 more have to come to terms with their loss. The National Association for Widows exists to provide support and to fight the widow's many financial injustices. There are branches in most parts of the country, run by women who are widows themselves. For more details, contact the association at Chell Road, Stafford, ST16 2QA.

Older widows in particular might be interested in the *Survival Guide for Widows*, co-written by the association's founder, June Hemer, and available by post for £3.50 (make cheques payable to Age Concern England) from Age Concern, 60 Piccadilly Road, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 3LL.

Safe reading

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Gloria transit

Has *Ms* magazine - America's highly successful glossy feminist magazine co-founded by vivacious virago Gloria Steinem - gone soft? The November edition (available at selected British bookshops, price £2.40) is entirely given over to the topic of fashion and includes articles on leading women designers, the Queen's wardrobe and that perennial enemy of the stylish, clutter. It's not quite

Nick of time

Skiing in Switzerland this year? Swiss watch innovators Swatch have elected to make skiing in their country safer.

The Pop Swatch, available in Switzerland to coincide with the snowy season (and later in the UK), has a built-in device which helps to locate skiers buried under avalanches. It emits high-frequency sound waves which can be picked up by rescue helicopters - and it looks good, too.

Quote me...



"It's a put-down to give a title to somebody just because they happen to be married to someone. I have yet to hear Mr Thatcher called the First Gentleman of Britain" - Margaret Papandrea, wife of the Greek prime minister.

Birth pangs

Despite all the advances made in their knowledge of childbirth, many an expectant father is still to be found pacing up and down the corridor outside the delivery room when the day arrives. The *Active Birth Partners Handbook* tries, however, to lay many of their anxieties to rest.

The book contains sound advice for couples on pregnancy, labour and birth, including relaxation techniques, massage and coping with the unexpected. It is sensitively written by Janet Balaskas, an ante-natal teacher trained by the National Childbirth Trust, and published by Sidgwick and Jackson, at £4.95.

Josephine Fairley

A chilling new book by novelist Alice Thomas Ellis tells the true story of the effect a disturbed teenager had on his family

One crazed cuckoo in the nest

When a child goes wrong, the finger of blame is usually pointed at mother or father. But if psychoanalyst Tom Pitt-Aikens is right it's the sins of the grandfathers which are more likely to be visited on the children. His theory struck a chord in the critically-acclaimed novelist and *Spectator* columnist Alice Thomas Ellis and now their book, *Secrets of Strangers* explores his ideas about the roots of delinquency through the case history of one real family and its troubled, troublesome son. Geoffrey Hutton (the family's names have been changed) first turned up at a child guidance clinic at the age of six. With a history of persistent theft, bedwetting, and disruptive behaviour at school, he made his first court appearance at 13. At the age of 14, after committing burglaries, smashing things at home, truanting, getting into violent fights, indecently exposing himself and stealing women's clothing, he was admitted to the community home where Pitt-Aikens is consultant psychiatrist.

Leaving there at 16, Geoffrey was soon back in court on charges of theft and indecent exposure, crowning his criminal career with an attempt to blow up a church loft, causing £42,000 worth of damage. The first surprise, for Alice Thomas Ellis, was meeting Geoffrey's parents, Ian and

Anne. "The families of other delinquents I have seen were nightmares, totally inadequate," Ellis says. "But the Huttons are completely unlike that. They're thoroughly solid middle-class citizens, a very united couple, with a tremendous amount of love and support and fondness between them. Their other children are the sort you'd be happy to have your own children stay with."

So whence came the cuckoo in the nest? The answer, according to Pitt-Aikens, lies buried in Geoffrey's parents' own childhoods. "Every delinquent I have ever been involved with," the psychiatrist says, "has a parent who has suffered some loss of authority in his own childhood - usually through a parent's death or desertion - and has failed to come to terms with it."

Ian Hutton's father died when his son was 11. His brother, Kevin, killed himself four years later at the age of 17 - a fact which, significantly, was omitted from Ian's account of the family history.



Finally letting go: Alice Thomas Ellis brought her own grief over the death of two of her children to *Secrets of Strangers*

She never met Geoffrey and he remains a shadowy embodiment of projections from his parents' past. As a novelist, she says, she found herself yearning for real people to write about. "I began to feel like a child who, after playing with dolls for years, begins to hanker after actual babies." Paradoxically, she acknowledges, the actual babies - the Huttons - are less fully realized than the doll-characters of her novels. She decided to allow their dark history to unfold through the matter-of-fact and often apparently inconsequential case notes of the family meetings. It gradually emerged that Kevin had attempted suicide before, but it had been covered up "in an effort to spare feelings". He finally blew himself up in the loft with a fulminate detonator. A brown-red stain spread across

the ceiling for days before the body was discovered by Ian. By not putting more flesh on the bones, Ellis feels she may have let the reader down. "I almost promised that I'd give a clear picture of the Huttons and then I didn't. It would have been a travesty. I couldn't swan into somebody's house and say whatever, because I wouldn't feel I knew enough about them. I'd lost my bottle. I'm terrified to handle real people: they're just too important, too vulnerable, too fragile."

How then does she feel about the scribes who swan into her house in increasing numbers to probe and profile her? "They haven't got what I really mean, so it doesn't matter. I'm not there. You know those strikes who sit on their nests? Some predator approaches and they pretend to have a broken wing and go slithering

away in the opposite direction. I do that sort of thing all the time." "Because I know about that. I had a feeling I could have got straight to the heart of the Huttons. But I couldn't do it. It was out of a sense of delicacy."

Behind the pseudonym Alice Thomas Ellis is Anna Haycraft, the wife of her publisher Colin Haycraft, and the mother of four sons and a daughter, now in their teens and 20s. Another son, Joshua, died eight years ago at the age of 19, after spending nearly a year in a coma after an accident, and a daughter, Mary, who would now be 16, lived for only two days.

Ellis believes that Joshua's sense of self-preservation was impaired - he fell through a roof while trying to retrieve a sandal. "I'd lost my own sense of self-preservation after

TALKBACK

From Lady Gilchrist, Hazelbank, By Lanark

I read with interest your article about the situation facing Foreign Office wives who wish to be with their husbands and yet follow their own career (Wednesday Page, November 5). Frankly, I do not feel it is advisable for anybody closely connected with a British Embassy to work for a local concern - too often a conflict of interest can arise and in certain countries, behind the Iron Curtain for example, it is just not possible.

There is a simple solution for the Foreign Office. Pay the wives in their own right, not as appendages. The wife runs the residence where surprisingly often, more real diplomatic business is conducted than in the chancery.

Moreover, as diplomacy becomes more dangerous, the Foreign Service wife, like her husband, is likely to be killed, kidnapped and attacked by mobs. Why shouldn't she earn a salary in her own right with a pension at the end?

Of course the Foreign Office can protest that though

From Frances Henton, Shepperton, Middlesex

Gay Murphy, chairman of the Diplomatic Service Wives Association says, "We are the most loyal group of wives". A most loyal group, perhaps, not like. Perhaps *The Times* would like to compare the loyalty of these wives to those of the servicemen or politicians, to name just a few.

Diplomats' wives aren't the only ones who have to Pack Up and Follow On.

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One of the great joys of Christmas is the hamper (writes *The Times* Cook, Shona Crawford Poole). A good hamper need be neither large nor expensive. Take any pretty basket and fill it with witty, frivolous or sensible presents. There is no law that says they must all be edible.

The whole point of a Christmas hamper is that it should be an extravagant cornucopia of good things - a sort of grown-up Christmas stocking that is personal and just a little bit silly. A bucketful of scarlet tulips may be more memorable than champagne, a home-made pâté more welcome than caviar.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Paisley's bitter pill

Accompanying Sammy Wilson, Lord Mayor of Belfast, to court yesterday to face a rates summons proved a greater ordeal than Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader, and his austere aide Peter Robinson could ever have expected.

At stud

As teachers continue to take the classical out of education, the Harris Museum in Preston has just opened an exhibition celebrating what it terms "a marked increase" in the use of Roman and Greek mythology by artists.

Pity the British Gas customer desperate to contact his local showroom. All are ex-directory. It's so that staff can deal with personal callers without being interrupted by phone calls, says a spokesman. Better Tell Sid.

Sting in tail

Edmond Halley, who died 240 years ago, is being honoured with a memorial in the South Cloister of Westminster Abbey, to be unveiled at a service at 5.30 tomorrow. Sculpted out of Welsh slate in the form of the comet, it is, according to Brian Harper, founder of the Halley's Comet Society, "outrageously" late in coming, even though it will have the consolation of being the centre of attention every 76 years as the real comet passes overhead.

On your bike

Staff at London's South Bank arts centre, employed by the Greater London Council until they were taken over in April by the Arts Council, have just discovered the financial advantages of being public servants. If they use a bicycle for business travel, a circular tells them, they can claim the princely sum of 4.4p a mile, a generous 7 per cent up on last year's rate of 4.1p. However, at least one tandem-riding executive is upset at not being entitled to the 2p a mile passenger supplement which car users get.



Barry Fantoni. "You don't think it's a ping for the Alliance?"

Radiating cheer

The Silver Sprig, the Christmas children's show at Edinburgh's Traverse Theatre, is advertised as "Christmas entertainment with a difference - a musical mid-winter fairy tale". When I discovered who had written it - Iain Sutherland, British Nuclear Fuels' archivist at Dounreay - I rang to ask if he had a nuclear mid-winter in mind. "You won't see one of those," he assures me.

Sign over a display of T-shirts at a Plymouth store: "The opinions expressed on these shirts are not necessarily those of the management."

Not so funny

John Hinkley Jr, the man who shot Ronald Reagan, has made an unlikely entry into a row between America's intellectuals. The debate was sparked by the novelist Gore Vidal's criticisms in the liberal magazine, Nation, of American Jews who supported Israel. In Vidal's reply to the letters that rolled in accusing him of anti-Semitism, he suggested one of his detractors needed psychiatric attention - provoking the liberal New Republic to conclude that it was Vidal who was "ready for the funny farm". This last libel stung Hinkley, clearly a follower of America's highbrow press, to write to New Republic saying he resented its equation of anti-Semitism with insanity. "The easiest way to defame someone and his opinions is to label him as loony... It happens to me all the time," Hinkley wrote - from the psychiatric hospital to which he has been confined since the assassination attempt.

Baker's Burnham gamble

Mark Dowd, Education Correspondent, on the risks in dictating teachers' pay

The government's legislative programme to be announced by the Queen this afternoon will include repeal of the 1965 Remuneration of Teachers Act. This will mean the abolition of the Burnham machinery for negotiating pay, established in 1919, which is a mirror reflection of the decentralised nature of the British education system.

the unions' and authorities' jealously guarded powers. Replacing it will be an interim advisory committee whose brief may be to make recommendations to the Secretary of State on how cash limits on teachers' salaries agreed between the DES and the Treasury should be distributed.

Baker has tried to give the impression that he wants to release schools from the fetters of bureaucratic control. "I want to see more decisions taken at the rim of the wheel and less at the hub," he says, a theme which has recurred in many of his speeches since he became Education Secretary in May. But the truth is more complex. Baker effectively wants to weaken the spokes, the unions and the authorities, and give greater power to head teachers and governing bodies, while strengthening the government's grip on the teaching profession by determining the structure of pay and conditions.

If Baker does resort to legislation to impose a salary structure and a contract, which now looks unavoidable, he will be running considerable risks. Uninterrupted tuition in the classrooms would be a grand prize to deliver to the voters. However, a new wave of industrial action which united the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolteachers/Union of Women Teachers, until now regarded as adversaries rather than partners, might be just the thing to knock a few percentage points off the government's popularity ratings and scupper Baker's chance of becoming prime minister.

Timothy Garton Ash London calling, as seen on TV

Steaming colonels in La Paz do it. Students in Peking do it. Guerrillas in Manila do it. Street hawkers in New York do it. Apparatchiks in Kiev do it. Shipyard workers in Gdansk do it. Listen to the BBC.

After the monarchy, the BBC World Service is probably the best known and most widely respected British institution in the world. The other day, when a part-time Washington taxi driver learned that I came from Britain, his first reaction was "Yes, I listen to the BBC" - and he works for the Voice of America.

Travelling through Eastern Europe I am constantly reminded, often in a passionate and moving way, of the service Bush House provides to people who have no other disseminating and authoritative worldwide news coverage. I remember talking in East Berlin to a senior Politburo member who admitted that his information came from the latest World Service news bulletin. Even in Tirana I discovered that our charming tour guide listened regularly to the BBC, though mainly for the football results. Moscow has paid it the ultimate compliment by attempting to produce its own World Service - imitation, the sincerest form of flattery.

Despite the boosting of Bush House transmissions you can still be maddened when, in some remote hotel room, you think you have found the World Service, only to hear a tiny-voiced announcer giving the sensational news that the Kiev philharmonic orchestra has been greeted with rapturous applause during a triumphant visit to Kabul.

The proposal is by no means premature. With the United States government's "Worldnet", Turner's CNN, French exploration of the possibilities of direct broadcasting to West Africa and agreement in principle for the direct broadcasting of Soviet television to Eastern Europe (will they release the audience figures?), the age of international television is already upon us.

The technology moves on apace. For what John Tusa, managing director of BBC External Services, justifiably calls the "grand leader" in international shortwave radio not to explore what may prove to be the main foreign broadcasting medium of the 21st century would be folly. Indeed, to an outsider the BBC's proposal seems too modest: two 30-minute news and current affairs programmes a day, to be made, as Bush House officials stress, in co-operation and equal partnership with BBC Television but embodying the news values of the radio World Service. The theme tune will be a slightly adapted version of the radio World Service's "Lullburlesque" which, ironically enough considering its origins in passionate

Anglo-Irish prejudice, has come to be a symbol of dispassionate objectivity.

Sadly, because this is what is technically known as a "closed broadcasting regime" (for once, the jargon is most expressive), the service will, initially at least, be available only to viewers in countries whose governments wish them to receive it: for example, in North America, western Europe, the fringes of the Caribbean and the Far East, but not in the less free parts of Europe or Asia. To judge by the radio figures these will be viewers enough to start with. In North America alone more than two million people listen regularly to the radio World Service. But as an outsider one may surely express the hope, which the BBC speaking for itself may not express so openly, that it will not be long before technological progress enables people in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe to watch the BBC television news despite the contrary wishes of their governments, just as they now listen to World Service radio despite their governments' wishes. (Incidentally, the arrangements governing such transmissions would be a prime subject for western diplomats at the Vienna conference on implementation of the Helsinki accords.)

The World Service is also a service to Britain. So would this be - and not just because those of us irritated by the rampant triviality of domestic television news (Channel 4 excepted) might be able to watch this BBC World News at home. I'm thinking rather of the enhancement of Britain's reputation and authority abroad. We are told that this is one of the reasons we send warships to distant ports: "showing the flag". But a thousand times more people listen to the World Service, regularly, than ever see a Royal Navy vessel once.

And at a fraction of the cost. The BBC estimates that the pilot scheme will cost somewhere in the region of £10 million a year for the next three years, of which a small part might come from paying subscribers abroad and existing BBC resources. The largest part would have to come from tax, probably as an addition to the existing Foreign Office grant for the External Services. (There are fears that the Treasury might be tempted to ask Bush House to find some of the money by further cutting back its already grievously cut language services.) This is one exceptional item of public spending which the government should attempt neither to curb nor to delay. It is a scheme to make more effective use of this country's single most valuable natural resource, the English language.

According to figures given to me by the Ministry of Defence, the current cost of a type 22 frigate is about £150 million. The net cost to the taxpayer of this project would be £7.8 million per year. Surely a BBC television world news is worth the back end of a frigate?

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As Protestants launch a resistance movement, Conor Cruise O'Brien shows how the Hillsborough agreement is leading to a complete London-Belfast rift

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland lasted for 120 years. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, after 65 years, does not look as though it will last as long. It resembles a marriage which still subsists legally and conventionally but has in reality broken down through mutual alienation.

The Anglo-Irish agreement concluded at Hillsborough on November 15, 1985, was intended to bring stability and reconciliation to Northern Ireland by ending the alienation of the Roman Catholic minority. Its effect has been to make alienation the general condition, while intensifying the mutual hostility of the two communities and sources of violence.

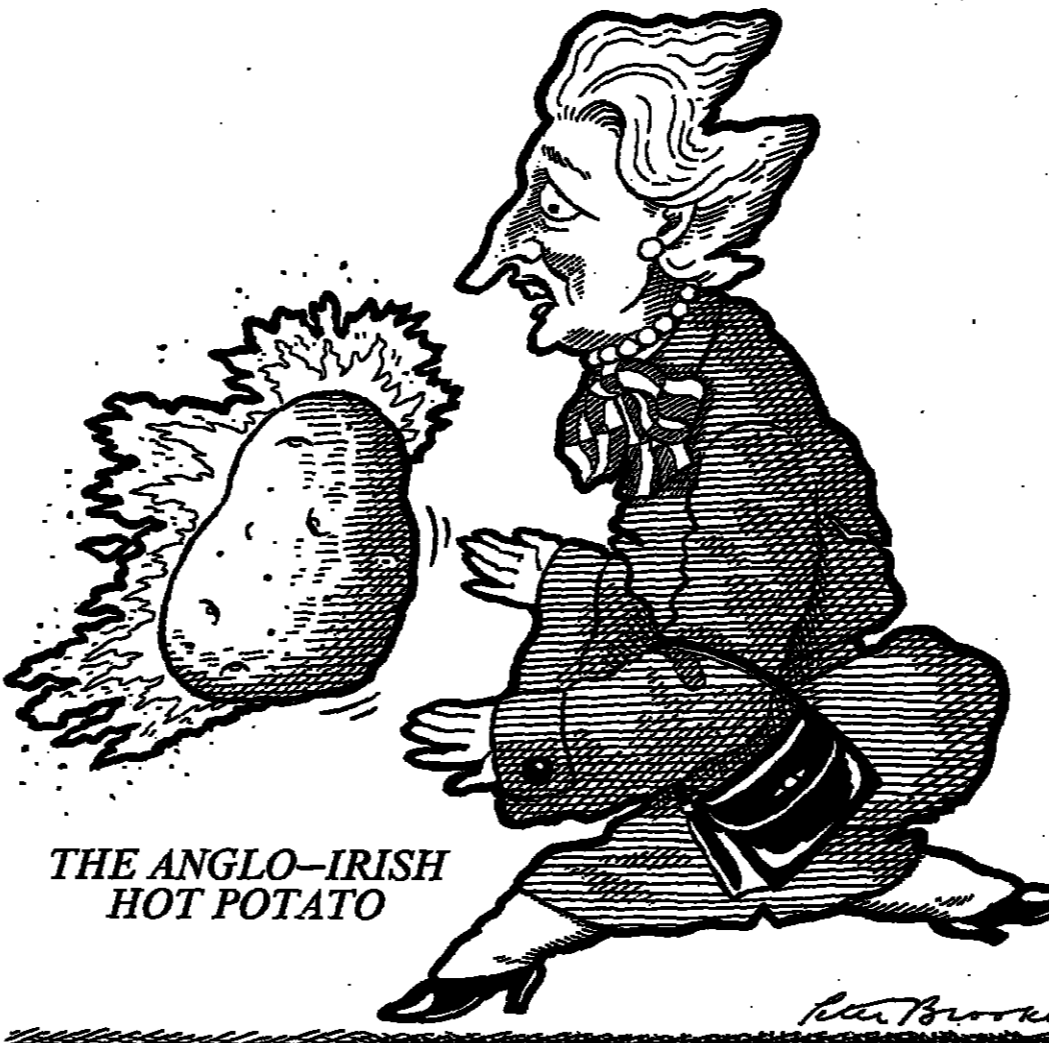
The agreement was doubly flawed from the beginning. Firstly, it overrode the known and strongly-held wishes of the Protestant majority for whose supposed benefit it devised new institutions. The second flaw was a major divergence in the basic assumptions of the contracting parties. Mrs Thatcher held that the agreement would strengthen the Union. Had Garret FitzGerald, the Irish prime minister, used such words it would not have been ratified and his government would have fallen. In commending the agreement to the Dail, he conveyed that it represented modest progress in the direction of the New Ireland Forum agenda, at the end of which is a United Ireland - the object of the aspirations of most Irish Catholics. So one party to the agreement saw it as strengthening the Union and the other as tending to its dissolution.

Mrs Thatcher may, perhaps, still see the agreement as strengthening the Union, but it would be hard to find anyone in Northern Ireland who agreed. Protestants and Catholics alike see it as a step towards an eventual united Ireland.

In some disquieting ways, the situation in Northern Ireland is beginning to resemble that in Palestine at the end of the Second World War when Jews and Arabs, while differing on everything else, agreed that they had had enough of British rule. The mandate and the Balfour declaration had long been obnoxious to most Palestinian Arabs: the white paper of 1939, restricting Jewish immigration, alienated the Jews without reconciling the Arabs. In the same way, Hillsborough is alienating the Protestants without reconciling the Catholics.

Since Hillsborough, the Unionist leaders have loudly and repeatedly defied a decision of the government of the United Kingdom, ratified by an overwhelming majority in Parliament. This behaviour is clearly distasteful to most of the population of the United Kingdom. Many are asking: "Is it for the sake of these people that we have to stay in Northern Ireland? If so, it doesn't seem a very good reason."

The Union today is one of mutual aversion: a Union in which Great Britain dislikes Northern Ireland and vice versa. It could still hold together for a good many years - habit and fear of the unknown make pretty strong cement - even without affection or respect. But once the partners to any union are settled dislike and distrust, every subsequent stress is likely to widen the gap. So it seems to me that the



Weakening the Union to breaking point

Union is heading for dissolution, though at a pace which cannot be estimated.

In public at least, the architects of Hillsborough - the Sorcerer's Apprentices as I see them - would dismiss any such analysis as exaggerated and unwarranted. The official doctrine is that the Unionists will bluster for a bit, but once they realize the agreement is there to stay, and does not really threaten them, they will learn to live with the Anglo-Irish inter-governmental conference.

The private views of the Hillsborough partners may be different, and distinct from each another, though perhaps to some extent converging. Take the Dublin side first. Few of FitzGerald's supporters would be sorry to learn that the agreement was beginning to dissolve the Union since that is a prerequisite to a united Ireland - a policy objective in the Republic since 1932. FitzGerald did not repudiate that objective before or after Hillsborough. Nor could he safely do so. Being both intelligent and humane, he must be a bit worried about what the break-up of the Union might actually

involve. He knows, too, that people in the South are on shaky ground by believing that break-up of the Union would be synonymous with the coming of a United Ireland, although he has to hope it may work out that way.

On the British side, no doubt Mrs Thatcher would be sorry to think that the Union was beginning to dissolve, largely as a result of her efforts to strengthen it. But some of her officials might not be so sorry. Repudiation of the Union, by the Protestants of Northern Ireland, could be the means whereby Britain, without breaking faith with anyone, could bid of an incubus. And certain officials, both in the Foreign Office and the Northern Ireland Office, are known to have long been anxious to find such means.

In the Republic, the agreement was opposed by the largest party, Fianna Fail, whose leader, Charles Haughey, is generally considered likely to succeed FitzGerald next year. If he does, he is not likely to repudiate Hillsborough, if only because it would trigger off the biggest orgy of Protestant jubilation in the North since the defeat of Gladstone's first Home Rule bill in 1886.

More likely, he would test the agreement by demanding maximum concessions for the Catholics and make clear that he regarded the agreement only as an interim stage on the road to a united Ireland. At some point he might well repeat his call for a British "declaration of intent" to withdraw from Northern Ireland. His aim overall would be to speed the dissolution of the Union - perhaps with the co-operation with Neil Kinnock, should he then be at No 10.

The terminal scene might well be that, with the security forces under attack from the Protestant side as well as the Catholic, Britain might give Haughey his "declaration of intent" and might then actually withdraw, perhaps quicker than he bargained for.

In *States of Ireland*, published 14 years ago, I contemplated that line of possibility, calling it "the malign scenario" because I thought it likely to lead to civil war in Ireland. Under this sequence of events, the Protestants, following British withdrawal, set up their own state. Their security measures, including searches of Catholic areas, produce widespread Catholic resistance, followed by intensified Protestant repression and massacres. The resultant influx of Catholic refugees into the Republic precipitates a war, involving all of Ireland.

Those horrors are not inevitable, but they seem to be looming nearer now that the Union is increasingly in question, and British withdrawal, in consequence, more a possibility. In a later article, I hope to consider the question of damage limitation measures should the Union be dissolved.

When Chinese books are in the red...

After China's first bankruptcy was declared in August, the national press unanimously agreed that the Iron Rice Bowl, the long-held Maoist principle that jobs were for ever, had at last been shattered.

But although the 72 employees of the Explosion-proof Apparatus Plant in the northern industrial city of Shenyang have had to find work elsewhere, or must exist on 75 per cent of their previous wages until they go on the dole, and the plant's meagre assets have been sold up, not everyone accepts that bankruptcy is a necessary condition of Deng Xiaoping's "Socialism with Chinese Characteristics."

Indeed, the open debate on the matter is an example of the new Chinese atmosphere in which, for the present at least, the second invitation to Let One Hundred Flowers Bloom means that party policy can be publicly questioned.

It is always risky in China to trust that a political fashion will endure, but this time it appears that when the party says it wants intellectuals to follow the ancient admonition to let One Hundred Schools Contend, it means it, as long as the contenders do not form factions to seize power.

As soon as the Shenyang bankruptcy was announced in August, it was explained that the managers of the Explosion-proof Apparatus Plant had been warned in 1985 that they would have one more year to make a profit, or else. A spokesman for the State Council said: "Why should we protect those enterprises which cannot keep going?"

None the less, although it is officially conceded that 25 per cent of China's industrial enterprises are running in the red, and that more bankruptcies must follow - on the grounds that anxiety makes workers try harder - in late September the draft bankruptcy law came before the country's legislative body, the standing committee of National People's Congress, only to be deferred. Despite the NPC's traditional role as a mere echo chamber for party policy, this time ten deputies spoke against the new law, while only four supported it.

That the authorities had not already squared the deputies to vote enthusiastically for bankruptcy shows that the party intends to fulfil one of the key aspects of political reform and

step back from day-to-day administrative decisions. Political commentators in the press have pointed out that henceforth, if such decisions go sour, the party will no longer have to take the blame.

Others have noted that, constitutionally, the NPC, and not the party, is China's supreme law-giving body. In Deng Xiaoping's China the law, rather than party fiat, has been accorded a central role. (Many intellectuals have already observed that if taken seriously such a position fundamentally weakens party power.)

Nor are bankruptcies merely a matter of law. China's constitution stipulates that every citizen is entitled to a job. The *Worker's Daily* recently asked what theories would justify to sacked workers the loss of this right. The paper also attacked the national press for going overboard in praising the Shenyang collapse, as if it smoothly eliminated the thorny question of life-long employment.

A puzzle remains, said the *Worker's Daily*. How can state enterprises be declared bankrupt without injuring the state itself? "So far we have not found

anywhere in the world a single example of a state as a legal entity declaring bankruptcy."

The party's *People's Daily* has recently entered the debate, emphasizing that there is nothing illegal or inhuman about bankruptcies which are merely a way to avoid needless state expense. If there is something particularly difficult about the state declaring its own enterprises bankrupt, the paper suggested, then let the state system of ownership be reformed. Bankruptcies should be applied "like a cardiac stimulant" to ailing firms, to jolt them into productive action. Otherwise, the *People's Daily* wanted to know, "with an iron ricebowl in hand, what is there to be afraid of?"

What is riveting about this debate, not just for China-watchers but for Chinese, is that the party is openly arguing a fundamental issue - the right to work versus economic efficiency - on its merits. Simply issuing pronouncements and denouncing its critics as counter-revolutionary is no longer enough if the party wants to command respect.

Jonathan Mirsky

moreover... Miles Kington

Could you be a Tory Wife?

I have had many inquiries about Tory Wives, the organization I mentioned last week whose members look after Tory MPs when nobody else seems to care. There seem to be a lot of women who want to know if they have what it takes to be a tower of strength. Could they back their husband through thick and thin, and then take coffee out to the waiting journalists? Here are some simple questions which should tell you straight off if you are the right mumble to be a Tory Wife.

- 1. Your husband phones late at night and tells you that pressure of work has forced him to stay in London overnight. In the background you can hear corks popping, a band playing, and merry voices. Do you assume he is (a) entertaining a vital group of hi-fi manufacturers from his constituency; (b) at a Cabinet meeting; (c) at it again?
- 2. You notice an unfamiliar perfume on your husband's clothes. You assume that there is a perfectly natural explanation for this, namely that (a) he has been entertaining a delegation of scent manufacturers from his constituency; (b) he has been standing too close to Mrs Thatcher; (c) he has been at it again.
- 3. You are at home by yourself, your husband in London, your children at their lovely school and the dogs out in the garden. You are arranging some flowers when the telephone rings and a voice says: "News of the World here. Is the MP in? Well, who's that speaking then? His wife? Oh, I am sorry for you, love, but we're only doing our job," and rings off. In your heart of hearts, do you know that the newspaper is planning to reveal that (a) your husband is unlikely to be appointed a junior minister after all; (b) he is unlikely to retain his seat if there were an election tomorrow; (c) he has been at it again?
- 4. You notice several suspicious looking people at the bottom of the garden. Occasionally they ring the doorbell but run away when you answer the door. You assume they are (a) gypsies; (b) house-breakers; (c) journalists waiting

for your husband, and you had better take them some coffee. 5. In the morning, your husband gets up early and brings in the newspapers. Later you see him tearing them into small pieces and stuffing them into the dustbin. At breakfast, he says: "Funny, the papers didn't arrive this morning." You leap to the conclusion that (a) he is trying to shield you from a particularly nasty accident; (b) the newsgate delivered *Today* by mistake; (c) he has been at it again and the papers have found out.

6. After a long silence, your husband says: "If I suddenly had to leave public life, darling, would you be terribly, terribly upset?" What do you say? (a) "I would back you up, no matter what." (b) "It's what I've always dreamt of." (c) "Who are those awful men with cameras peering in through the window?" (d) "You've been at it again, haven't you?" 7. Your husband clasps your hand, looks deep into your eyes and tells you that you had better prepare yourself for a dreadful piece of news. Do you suddenly realize what he is about to tell you? Namely, that (a) Mrs Thatcher has asked him to go to Belfast; (b) he has asked Norman Tebbit to dinner; (c) he has been discovered at it, but can't think of a way of explaining it to you that would seem understandable; (d) he wants you to go out with more coffee to the journalists. 8. Your husband has resigned. Is your first thought one of the following? (a) "At last we shall have a chance to live a normal relationship, and I can give him the love he deserves"; (b) "Well, at least we won't have to have Norman Tebbit to dinner"; (c) "If he's going to be at home all day long, how on earth am I going to continue my affair?" Result: If you asked your husband for help with the test, you are hopeless. If you hummed and hawed over it, you are average. If you swept through it with a brisk smile, efficiently and automatically, while doing three other things at the same time, you have got what it takes.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

PERSONAL COLUMNS

A good live cannot bring forth a fruit, neither can a thorn bear forth figs...

BIRTHS

CASTLE DE BOMVILLE - On November 9th 1986, to Elizabeth and Simon, a son, Benjamin James.

MARRIAGES

KELLY-MOFFATT on Saturday October 25th 1986, at the Church of St. Andrew, London.

DEATHS

ACHESON - On 8th November, tragically as a result of an accident, Ronald Francis, aged 44.

ENGLAND

On Sunday 9th November 1986, at Milton Keynes Hospital, aged 78 years.

SAVAGE

On November 10th 1986, at Inverclyde Hospital, Glasgow.

SCOTT

On November 9th, peacefully at home, aged 87 years.

SEATON

On 8th November 1986, at the Royal West, London.

MALDINE

On November 10th 1986, at Easton, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

MARVEY

On 10th November, peacefully at home, aged 78 years.

NEWMAN

On November 8th 1986, peacefully at home, aged 82 years.

RUSSELL

On November 8th, suddenly at home, aged 75 years.

WILKINS

On 8th November, suddenly at home, aged 82 years.

BORNY

On 9th November 1986, suddenly at home, aged 75 years.

BOYLE

On November 7th, peacefully at home, aged 78 years.

BROWN

On November 9th, peacefully at home, aged 78 years.

CARNEY

On November 10th 1986, at home, aged 80 years.

CLAY

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FT 30 Share
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FT-SE 100
1660.9 (+4.7)

Bargains
34978

USM (Datastream)
130.47 (+0.19)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4385 (+0.0001)

W German mark
2.9266 (-0.0131)

Trade-weighted
69.3 (-0.1)

BSC fined by EEC

The European Commission has fined British Steel Corporation and Badische Stahlwerke of West Germany for exceeding production quotas.

British Steel was fined ECU34.100 (£24,000) for exceeding its quota for galvanized sheet steel by 682 tonnes in the third quarter of 1984.

The commission fined the West German company a total of ECU6.56 million for exceeding its production and delivery quotas.

About 65 per cent of EEC steel production is covered by quota restrictions under a policy to restructure the troubled industry and reduce overcapacity.

SE proxy vote backs Isro

Sir Nicholas Goodison, the Stock Exchange's chairman, yesterday revealed overwhelming support for proposals paving the way for the merger with the International Securities Regulatory Organisation.

Proxy votes from half the members showed that 92 per cent backed the SE converting to a limited liability company. And 87.8 per cent voted for proposals to pay £10,000 compensation in return for members sacrificing voting rights. The full result will be known after a poll today.

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Beckett bows out with blistering attack on Labour

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Sir Terence Beckett, retiring director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, ended six years of delivering annual conference speeches yesterday with another savage attack on Labour Party policies and warm endorsement for Mrs Thatcher's Government.

Sir Terence reserved much of his venom for Labour's initial proposals on industrial relations law, which, he said, would put industry "back into the straits trenches of the 70s."

After a one-and-a-half day conference remarkable for the CBI leadership's more open criticism of the Labour Party, and the lack of detailed discussion on unemployment and interest rates, Sir Terence said Britain had begun to reverse direction on the road to ruin. "It would be a tragedy if this reversal was itself reversed in the next 18 months."

At a press conference later, Sir Terence, who leaves the CBI next spring, said: "It is very important that the Labour Party understand thoroughly some of the issues as industry sees them."

The CBI would continue to meet Labour leaders and dis-

cus all aspects of policy for industry. But Sir Terence added: "If they don't take our advice, it is going to be damaging to them and the country, and it will be the greatest possible pity."

In his speech, which was greeted with a one-minute standing ovation, Sir Terence said it was unfair to blame Mrs Thatcher for 3 million unemployed.

"This criticism surely closes its eyes to the fact that we were in a world, not just a British recession. And when it hit us we were uncompetitive, unprofitable, and woefully overmanned. Previous governments, by intervention, had postponed change, particularly structural change, so that when reality finally caught up with us, its effects were more drastic here than elsewhere."

The present government had set a course to improve the ultimate opportunities for business and the prospects for the country in a more radical way than had been attempted since the first measures on free trade were introduced more than 150 years ago.

Sir Terence, a former chairman of Ford of Britain, stoutly

defended the investment of capital abroad, which provided "a reserve for the future." Repatriation of overseas investment would mean that the benefits of research and development, training, product development, and innovation carried out in this country by British-controlled multi-nationals could be lost.

It was not true, he said, that company profits had recovered from the "cresta run" of the 1960s and 70s. Profits had now reached only two-thirds of the level of company earnings in the early 1960s.

Sir Terence recalled his controversial "bare-knuckle fight" conference speech of six years ago and said that businessmen were now more prepared to stand up and fight for what they believed. "If we don't, we've only got ourselves to blame."

He added that free enterprise was the best hope to meet people's aspirations for more jobs and a better standard of living. "The alternatives, everyone knows, have not and will not work. I believe the CBI must stand four square behind free enterprise."

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Hillsdown deal to form force in timber

By Cliff Feltham

Hillsdown Holdings, the acquisitive food-to-furniture group, last night unveiled a complex takeover deal to create a £400 million force in the British timber industry.

Hillsdown, through its controlling stake in Hunter, the separately quoted timber importing business, is paying £45 million for another industry leader, Mallinson-Denny.

As part of the arrangement, Hillsdown will then inject its May and Hassell timber products operation into the new group.

Mallinson-Denny was the subject of a £90 million management buyout from Unilever last year. Hillsdown will be taking on about £55 million of its debt.

Mallinson-Denny's principal businesses are reprocessing, distributing and selling timber and allied products. Profits for the latest 10 months trading are £2.6 million.

Hunter, which is 74 per cent owned by Hillsdown, sells plywood, particle board and other products to the furniture trade, timber merchants and related outlets. It also has a substantial furniture manufacturing operation.

Hillsdown bought May and Hassell for £14.1 million in August. Speculation has been rife for some time that it would hive off all its timber interests into the Hunter group.

Last night Mr Harry Solomon, the joint chairman of Hillsdown, said the deal would enable Hunter to develop its timber interests with a range of products across the board.

The enlarged Hunter group would have a turnover of about £400 million a year.

The price Hillsdown will receive for parting with May and Hassell will be fixed by independent advisers.

Unilever interim leaps 30%

By Alison Eadie

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch foods and consumer products conglomerate, yesterday posted buoyant third quarter results and announced a 30 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 14.99p.

The shares soared to new highs at £20.13 at midday.

Pretax profits rose 22.5 per cent to £299 million on turnover 4.2 per cent lower at £3.9 billion. The decrease in turnover was due to past disposals and lower raw material prices, which contributed to lower selling prices.

Attributable profits rose 28 per cent and exchange rate gains added £13 million.

Operating profits in Europe were 7.4 per cent higher at £139 million with all businesses contributing to improved volumes and margins. Ice cream and edible fats were strong performers.

North American profits rose to £37 million from £23 million after strong volume growth. Difficult trading conditions in West Africa contributed to the drop in profits from associated companies.

Taxable profits at nine months are £812 million, 20 per cent higher than at the same stage last year.

Maxwell's options open

By Alison Eadie

Mr Robert Maxwell, who had been backing Norton Opax in its takeover battle for security printers, yesterday opened his offer to shareholders before a higher management buyout offer has taken the unusual step of writing to McCroquodale shareholders.

He explains in his letter that he would be "free to take what action seems best in regard to any shares over and above the 19.1 per cent necessarily pledged to Norton Opax."

Mr Maxwell revealed yesterday that he had bought a further parcel of shares at 31p, 1p above the cash offer from the McCroquodale management buyout team. His total holding is now 21.4 per cent and he intends to continue buying, he said.

Norton Opax shares slipped 5p yesterday to close at 133p valuing its paper offer at 310.3p for each McCroquodale share. Its cash offer is 303.3p per share.

Mr Maxwell pledged his 19.1 per cent stake to Norton Opax, before the buyout team raised its offer to 310p.

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Sir Robert Haslam: he would oppose pit by pit or area by area breakup of the industry

British Coal could become target for privatization

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, confirmed yesterday that the industry is still set to break even in 1988-89 and could, ultimately, become a target for privatization.

Once the coal industry has established a good track record of profits it was logical that the Government would return the pits to the private sector, he said, but like Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of British Gas, he would be opposed to any proposals to privatize the industry on a pit by pit or area by area basis.

Sir Robert added that because the industry had a dominant customer in the electricity supply industry it made sense to deal with that customer on a national basis.

British Coal supplies more than 70 million tonnes a year to the Central Electricity Generating Board and hopes to add another 10 million tonnes to that if the CEGB, as anticipated, has to announce the building of two new coal-fired stations.

Sir Robert announced total losses in the industry in the first six months of this year of £240 million. He said he expected losses for the full year to be contained at £300 million.

The industry is now setting new productivity records in almost all of its nine areas - Scotland and South Wales have been affected by production problems but are now catching up - and that industrial sales continue to increase.

Sir Robert confirmed also that the industry has achieved its cut in losses despite losing £400 million in revenue because of having to renegotiate its contract with the electricity industry in the wake of falling oil prices.

The next problem the industry could face is a shortage of skilled manpower as the present Government-backed redundancy scheme under which men can apply for voluntary redundancy payments of up to £75,000 is replaced by a scheme funded by British Coal which sets an upper limit of £25,000.

Miners have until the end of this year to apply under the existing scheme and there are fears in some coalfields that there will be a rush of applicants at Christmas time in addition to the 16,000 men who have volunteered for redundancy already this year.

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Sainsbury half-time profits soar 34%

By Alexandra Jackson

J Sainsbury comfortably beat the most optimistic City forecasts yesterday when it reported pretax profits up 34 per cent to £123.5 million for the six months to the beginning of October. The figures made it the company's strongest first half for five years.

Retail margins widened from 4.7 per cent to 5.5 per cent on turnover up from £1.83 billion to £2.1 billion. An interim dividend of 2.1p was declared, representing a 24 per cent increase on the previous year.

Most analysts were estimating half-year profits of about £112 million, with highest expectations at £120 million. Although the Christmas period has started slowly, analysts are now increasing their full-year forecasts to more than £240 million compared with £192.7 million in 1985-86.

First-half trading conditions were buoyant despite low inflation. Productivity increased by 5 per cent helped by economies of scale in larger stores and the benefits of store computerization and check-out scanning.

Price inflation accounted for less than 3 per cent of the 14 per cent improvement in group sales. A similar percentage increase was gained from existing stores. However, the contribution from units which were not open for all or part of the comparable period last year accounted for 8 percentage points of sales growth.

J Sainsbury now operates 267 supermarkets of at least 4,000 sq ft. The geographical bias is towards the South and Midlands although Yorkshire is growing in importance. The average store size is 17,000 sq ft but all new stores are approaching 30,000 sq ft. Sainsbury has 15 smaller stores and freezer centres. Eight new supermarkets will have been opened by the end of the year.

Homebase, the DIY superstore, opened one new outlet in the first half and plans to open four more in the second half making a total of 33. The opening programme is to be stepped up to 10 new stores a year from the beginning of the next financial year.

Profits from Homebase in the half year rose by 31 per cent to £2.1 million on turnover up 27 per cent to £61.9 million.

Sainsbury operates six Savacentre hypermarkets in partnership with BHS. The benefit of the creation of Storehouse after the merger of Habitat Mothercare and British Home Stores is still to be felt.

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Britannia Arrow pays £47m for American expansion

By John Bell, City Editor

Britannia Arrow yesterday joined the ranks of London's biggest independent investment managers with a £47.3 million purchase in the United States.

It has agreed to take a 45 per cent profit participation in Invesco, an Atlanta-based fund management group, and at the same time is buying Gemini, a broker-dealer.

Invesco and Gemini are growing fast. Since 1979, funds under management have grown tenfold and at present stand at more than \$6.6 billion (£4.6 billion).

In the nine months to September 30, Invesco and Gemini produced income before tax of £11 million.

The move gives Britannia an opportunity to develop in the field of US pension fund management, which is a significant part of Invesco's business.

"Invesco has a large number of US company clients and we hope that we might be able to market some of our international products within the group," said Britannia's Mr David Stevens yesterday.

On completion of the deal, funds

WALL STREET

Shares make headway at start of trading

Wall Street shares made headway in moderate early trading yesterday, supported by continued speculation about companies involved in takeovers and restructuring.

Airlines, however, came under selling pressure after talk about renewed fare wars.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 1.27 up at 1,893.56. Advancing issues were about even with declining issues, on a volume of 23 million shares.

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Lloyd's acts again on Brooks and Dooley

By Alison Eadie

Three members of Lloyd's insurance market have been censured for their part in the Brooks and Dooley affair, in which reinsurances from B & D syndicates were placed with offshore companies controlled by B & D directors.

Mr John Raymond Parry and Mr Frederick Charles Raven, of Lloyd's underwriting agency Bellow Parry and Raven, which placed the reinsurances on behalf of the B & D syndicates, were found guilty of failing to obtain market or arm's length terms for the business done.

The Lloyd's disciplinary committee found that the terms were "unduly disadvantageous" to the syndicates and that Mr Parry and Mr Raven were aware of this. Mr Bryan Cyril Peers, a director of B & D, was found to be in breach of his duties as a director.

Japan trade surplus against US reaches record \$5bn

Tokyo (Reuters) - Japan marked up another record trade surplus against the United States last month, ensuring friction with its biggest trading partner will continue.

The Japanese Government said its trade surplus with the United States in October was \$5 billion (£3.42 billion). The previous high was \$4.83 billion in September.

The figures are likely to disappoint American officials who had agreed about two weeks ago to end calls for the yen's appreciation against the dollar to help improve the trade imbalance.

Japan also posted an overall surplus of \$7.81 billion with all its trading partners for October, not far below the record \$8.95 billion surplus in September.

But economists say a turning point may be near. "October could be the last month before the turnaround," one said.

The October trade figures were high mainly because of price increases for Japanese merchandise shipped abroad, said Mr Takashi Kijuchi at the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan.

Japanese manufacturers, who had prospered from the weak yen before its recent surge, had been reluctant to raise prices of their goods for fear of losing market share.

"But they could not hold back any longer and have started raising prices," Mr Kijuchi said.

An informal survey of his bank's clients in August and September indicated that only half had increased prices.

While the higher prices for goods helped lift the value of Japan's overall exports, the volume of merchandise declined, Mr Haruo Muro at the Bank of Tokyo said.

"In volume terms, exports were actually down 1.2 per cent from September."

But he cautioned that although price increases had a big impact on Japan's trade figures with the United States, the volume of exports was still relatively high.

Exports to the European Economic Community rose 43.7 per cent to \$2.79 billion as imports surged 121.6 per cent to a record \$1.81 billion.

That left a trade surplus of \$985 million with the EEC in October, about half the figure in September.

The review says: "Under renewed speculative pressures, prices might well rebound again but equally prove incapable of holding higher levels for long in such a nervous and unpredictable climate."

Platinum traded at around \$550 in London yesterday. Johnson Matthey put the mid point of its 1986 supply projections at 2.81 million ounces, up from 2.74 million last year and the highest level since 1980.

Goldsmiths losses down at half-time

By Lawrence Lever

The Goldsmiths Group, the hotel, jewellery and insurance group, yesterday announced a small drop in pretax losses in its half-year results.

Losses for the six months to June 31 were £267,000 as opposed to £298,000 in the corresponding period last year.

Turnover was down from £21.4 million to £16.56 million, largely due to the sale of the company's betting division last year.

The benefits of Goldsmiths' expenditure on modernizing and expanding its jewellery branches are being felt: the jewellery division made pretax profits of £391,000 compared with a loss of £50,000 at the half-way stage last year.

COMPANY NEWS

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World platinum market 'moving near to balance'

By Richard Lander

The supply deficit in the world platinum market could shrink to just 10,000 ounces this year because of static demand and higher shipments from South Africa and the Soviet Union, according to a study released by Johnson Matthey.

The market was last in this state of equilibrium in 1983. The refining firm's interim review of the 1986 market suggests platinum prices will remain unsettled after doubling so far this year to touch \$670 an ounce in September on speculative interest and fears of reduced supplies from South Africa.

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Goldsmiths Group

Six months to August 31. Interim dividend 2.5p (2p), payable on January 12. Figures in £000. Group turnover - jewellery £730 (7,606), betting net (7,966), insurance 5,878 (5,833), hotels 1,956 (nil). Group profit - jewellery 50 (391 loss), betting net (280), insurance loss 43 (nil), hotels 92 (nil), central costs 48 (117), interest charge 118 (70). Loss before tax 267 (298 loss), loss per share 2.78p (3.12p).

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Another year of record profits and significant progress at Bibby.

For the eleventh successive year Bibby reports record pre-tax profits, up 21.3% to £37.8 million.

Turnover has passed the £1/2 billion mark for the first time, while dividends, earnings per share and net asset value per share have all advanced strongly.

Since 1985 Bibby has successfully diversified into distribution and packaging services, with both groups already making significant contributions to our results.

At the same time a number of smaller companies were sold, reflecting a refocussing of Bibby's activities.

Bibby's financial structure remains extremely strong with the debt/equity ratio falling by a third during the year.

With our low gearing profile and extensive finance facilities in place, Bibby is well set to embark on an expansionary phase.

Table with columns for Financial Highlights and rows for Turnover, Pre-tax profits, Earnings per share, Dividends (total for year), Net asset value per share, Debt equity ratio. Data for 1986 and 1985.

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THE DE LA RUE COMPANY p.l.c.

Chairman's Statement Trading Profits for the half year to 30 September 1986, showing an increase of just under 10% to £18 million, are very much in line with the Board's expectations.

Dividend The Board resolved today to pay an interim dividend for the current year of 2.75p per share (net), which is at the same rate as the interim dividend declared and paid last year, adjusted for the Capitalisation Issue in August 1986.

Table with columns for Interim Results and rows for Turnover, Profit before tax, Profit after tax, Earnings per Ordinary share. Data for Half Year to 30 September and Year to 31 March for 1986, 1985, and 1986.

A copy of the full announcement is available from the Secretary. The De La Rue Company p.l.c., De La Rue House, 3/5 Burlington Gardens, London W1A 1DL.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Ranks Hovis soars on fresh stake build-up speculation

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Shares of Ranks Hovis McDougall (RHM), the Mothers Pride and Mr Kipling Cakes food group, jumped 6p to 269p yesterday, just 1p short of its year's high, on speculation that another antipodean corporate raider was building a stake in the company.

In August Goodman Fielder, Australia's biggest food manufacturer, paid £107 million for S & W Berisford's crucial 14.6 per cent stake in RHM. Dealers in London were confident that a full bid would follow from Goodman.

Goodman was formed earlier this year with a three-way merger between two Australian companies, Fielder, Gillespie Davis and Allied Mills.

and Goodman Group, a New Zealand company. The merger received considerable backing from Mr John Elliott's Elders IXL.

Now it looks as though someone else has been building a sizable holding in RHM. That body may own a near 5 per cent stake worth about £35

million. Dealers have reported heavy turnover of the shares over the past few weeks.

A spokesman for RHM said there was no evidence, so far, of a build up on the share register, but the company was watching events closely.

"We're aware there is a certain amount of activity in the shares," he said.

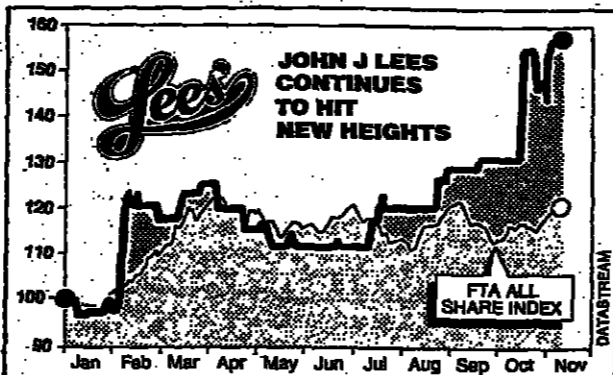
The names Mr Robert Holmes a Court of Bell Group, Mr Ron Brierley of IEP and Chase Corporation, New Zealand's third-largest quoted company, are being mentioned.

Inflation worries stemming from the Chancellor's increased public expenditure plans, knocked up to 2/4 off-gilt-edged stocks, and had a knock-on effect on equities.

The FT 30 index was between three and five points down all day, and closed 1.6 points lower at 1,311.7. The FT-SE 100 index managed to close 4.7 higher at 1660.9.

Among leaders ICI eased 3p to 106 1/2p. Thorn EMI, 3p to 487 1/2p. BTR, 6p to 290p. Hawker Siddeley Group, 6p to 429p and Vickers was down slightly to 396p. Glaxo gained 8p to 319p and Grand Met, 3p to 441p. Reed International, the publisher, jumped 13p to 291p after a lunch at Chase Manhattan Securities.

Lucas Industries lost 15p to 455p, while Armstrong Equipment, where Lucas is mentioned as a possible bidder, jumped 15p to 135p.



L. Messel, the stockbroker now owned by Shearson Lehman American Express, has picked up a portfolio of leading shares from a big British institution in a £30 million deal.

The package of shares comprises deals in News International, which owns The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun and News of the World. The shares are already quoted in Sydney, and in New York where they enjoy an ADR facility.

Cazenove and Morgan Grenfell Securities are sponsoring the introduction and the shares are expected to start trading around the £15.70 level.

Deals begin later today on the London stock market in shares of News Corporation, the parent company of News International, which owns The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun and News of the World. The shares are already quoted in Sydney, and in New York where they enjoy an ADR facility.

prizes alpha and beta's stocks, but Messel refuses to identify them or the institution from which they came.

has dropped from £1,200 a tonne to £500 a tonne.

Mr Ian Coyle, the company secretary, says: "The price of coconut is less significant than it used to be but it is still an important factor."

GEC firmed 2.5p to 176.5p as an institutional meeting at the City of London Club, hosted by Hoare Govett, the broker, got underway late yesterday afternoon. One of the main topics of conversation was GEC's bid for the RAF's airborne early warning contract, where a decision is expected next month.

At the same time Boeing, whose Awac system is the main rival to GEC's Nimrod, announced at a press conference that for every £1 spent by the Government buying

the shares trade in a tight market but some buying has been prompted by the company's record interim results, unveiled recently. They showed profits for the first half of £213,000, almost the same as the previous set of full-year figures, at £225,000. The company should make profits of at least £400,000 this year.

The company has been boosted by the steady decline in the world price of coconut, one of the key ingredients for its snowballs. Snowballs account for about 30 per cent of turnover. In the past 18 months the price of coconut

AWAC, Boeing will spend £1.30 in Britain. This could be worth up to £1 billion to British companies and create as many as 50,000 jobs.

If Boeing were to win, Plessey, up a penny to 189p and Ferranti, up 3p to 103p, would benefit. City analysts say the Ferranti share price has been left behind and is looking cheap.

Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance group, enjoyed another revival on news of a bid by South African businessman Mr Harry Oppenheimer. Mr Oppenheimer has a 28 per cent stake in the shares through his own publicly-quoted Mineral Resources. Most of yesterday's activity took place in the traded options market where interest from Swiss investors drove the share price up 29p to 691p. But only 1.5 million shares were traded on the main market. "It's a case of the options wagging the market tail again," one dealer said.

In August Consolidated Gold Fields' shares stood at a lowly 40p before a tide of buyers lifted the price to a new peak of 710p last month. Since then the shares have come in for a certain amount of profit taking, but the absence of any real sellers has meant their downside potential is limited.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Last rites of the old Stock Exchange

Today the Stock Exchange's 5,400 members will vote on constitutional changes necessary to pave the way to a merger with the International Securities Regulatory Organisation and the creation of the International Stock Exchange.

The technical changes members are asked to approve are broadly the conversion of the Exchange to a limited company and forfeiture of the individual members' voting rights. Instead, member firms would have the votes, while members would each receive £10,000, payable at age 60, as "compensation". If, as is likely, these changes are accepted, virtually all that remains of the structure of the "old" Stock Exchange - unlimited liability, the partnership principle, and one-man-one-vote - will have been dismantled except on the Stock Exchange floor.

There are two distinct issues: Is the merger with Isro necessary? Secondly, is the route the right one?

A merger with Isro was on the cards from the date the Financial Services Bill was published last December. This made it clear that the regulatory and exchange functions were to be separate. In addition to self-regulating organizations to police members, there would also be separate recognized investment exchanges, to devise and maintain proper market

conditions for trading. The door was wide open for Isro to set up its own exchange dealing in major British securities, irrespective of the fact that the Stock Exchange already operated one.

The arguments in favour of a merger are logically compelling and a little academic. Isro members already own more than 50 stock exchange member firms. The way the merger is to be achieved has met with opposition.

For tax reasons compensation has been linked to retirement. If it is taken on or after retirement at age 60 or more, it is liable only to capital gains tax at 30 per cent. Some members consider the payment inadequate, others think it too much. But it does strike a balance between older members who are unlikely to see the payment ravaged by inflation, and younger members who are more likely to reap the benefits inherent in a stronger, more unified, international capital market.

As the Governor of the Bank of England told a Frankfurt audience last night: "There are obvious regulatory advantages (and) obvious commercial and economic advantages if the new London Stock Exchange can become established as the major world centre for trading international equities."

Boards must heed the City

Yesterday's CBI debate over relations between industry and the City, though lively, had a predictable quality. By far the most positive contribution came, not from the CBI, but from the invited speaker, David Walker, the Bank of England director who a year ago made the issue of the short-term City intellectually respectable. Speaking principally to the industrialists, he put much of the burden of blame for the problem and responsibility for lessening it on company boards.

His suggestions are basically unchanged. "Boards and their main proprietors need to work at relationships just as companies need to and do work at those with their suppliers, their customers and their workforce." Pension funds and other institutions should earmark a proportion of their funds for long-term holding. But Mr Walker has developed his thinking in intriguing ways.

In particular, if pension fund managers are to be more responsible, it is up to trustees and their ultimate paymasters, the companies, to give their own pension fund managers clearer instructions on how they are supposed to behave. If all companies asked their pension fund managers to take a longer-term view and to be more receptive to the risk involved in new projects, then by definition, pension funds would take a longer-term view, especially if the jobs of

pension fund managers did not hang on the occasional mistake or lack of short-term performance.

The logic is unanswerable. And there is no doubt that if companies followed Mr Walker's sensible advice, they would enjoy better relations with their big investors. Whether that would make much difference to the minute-by-minute conduct of takeover bids and the institutions' predilection to make a fast buck in the market is another question. Probably it would not.

Competitive market forces in the City - quite apart from the vested interest of the new City conglomerates in generating takeovers - have gone too far to be moderated to any extent by better exchanges of information and personal relationships.

If the problem is to be countered effectively, there will need to be changes in the framework of rules in which market forces freely operate. That can come either from increased Whitehall interference in takeovers, which neither companies nor the City want, or by new boardroom and voting structures agreed by companies, institutions and the Stock Exchange, which would give institutions a greater direct say in the running of companies. Unfortunately there is little sign yet that either City or industry is prepared to do much about this.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

Table with columns for High, Low, Company, Price, Bid, Offer, Change, Gains, etc. Lists various stocks like Allied-Lyons, ASDA-MFI, BTR, etc.

Collier case seen as shot across bows of would-be rule breakers

The City showed predictably mixed reactions to the resignation of Mr Geoffrey Collier, a director of Morgan Grenfell Securities, on Monday. If there was any surprise, it was at the severity of the sentence for what must have been a first transgression of Morgan Grenfell's house rules since Big Bang.

But everyone recognizes the necessity that self-regulation must be seen to work, whatever measures that might imply.

Of dismay to outsiders was the complete lack of surprise that it had happened. It hardly matters whether you call breaking the rules an example of traditional City entrepreneurship or sheer greed.

The one thing on which all in the City agree is that it is bound to happen. That leaves only a lingering sense of surprise that it has happened when and where it did.

That is really the essence of Morgan Grenfell's sharp, and wholly laudable, reaction. That Mr Collier was caught appears to have been due to luck and not the inflexible workings of the merchant bank's own compliance office.

Yesterday's statement from Scrimgeour Vickers referred to "certain dealings on behalf of a company". No one yesterday was being specific about what had really been going on. But compliance officers all over the City were taking another look at their house rules governing personal account dealing by employees.

Virtually every securities house in the City now makes it a house rule that personal account dealing should be done through its own books, so

that it can check on what its employees are up to. But if an employee does in fact deal through an outside broker, there is no way that any compliance officer will necessarily know.

Miscreants can take the avoidance of detection even further. As Mr Martin Harty, compliance officer for Phillips & Drew, puts it: "If someone deals through an uncle with a different name using some other firm of brokers, you cannot really stop it."

The second problem is that Mr Collier was in a high position. He was partly responsible for setting up Morgan Grenfell's securities operations and he was a director of MG Securities Holdings. Most compliance officers insist that they cannot do their job without help from senior management.

Mr Colin Condren, compliance director for Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said: "We hand out a copy of every individual's private dealings to his manager at the start of every day. We rely on management to be the first line of defence in compliance matters." When management itself is bending the rules, the system is in danger of breaking down rapidly.

Retribution must therefore be swift and terrible. "When someone hits at the heart of the rules you have to get tough", Mr Condren said. The Collier case will no doubt encourage compliance officers to greater feats of vigilance. It is a curious feature of the City's post-Big Bang regulation that there is no attempt at uniformity among securities houses. They never sit down together to

work out a common system of internal regulation, with the result that each house has a different set of rules.

Most apply the rule about using only the house broking service but there are wide margins of strictness in other areas.

Phillips & Drew, for example, ban all personal account dealing in companies which are being handled on the corporate finance side. BZW, on the other hand, allow employees to deal in shares of corporate finance customers, even during a bid, as long as they hold the shares for at least three months.

Other typical limitations on personal share dealing adopted by many securities houses include: not allowing short selling, payment in cash the following day rather than at the end of the account, not trading in and out of stocks within the same day and - in some cases - not selling any holding within a month of purchase. Most of these rules are designed to cut down outright speculation by employees.

But they have the effect also of making the compliance officer's job - difficult at the best of time - slightly easier. Compliance officers admit that their two main techniques for catching miscreants rely on steady vetting of personal account dealings and spot checks on unsuspecting individuals. The less employees are allowed to job rapidly in and out of shares, the easier it is to monitor what they are up to.

Morgan Grenfell chose the "nuclear option" and asked Mr Collier to resign. There is, of course, a range of lesser

sanctions appropriate to lesser misdemeanours.

A company can, for instance, cancel the wrong-doer's deals, ban him from personal account dealing (with the danger that he may simply do it elsewhere), or impose financial penalties. The misdemeanour can be entered also on the employee's file, which will assume a greater significance when SIB rules will enable individuals to be excluded from the securities industry on the strength of their past record.

The anti self-regulation lobby will no doubt take the opportunity to point out that the Collier case proves their case. On the current evidence, however, it does not. After all, Mr Collier was caught even if it was through a tip-off rather than the rigours of the regulatory system.

Compliance officers freely acknowledge the need for some luck in detecting breaches of the rules. It is not clear that any other system could plug this gap infallibly or any of the others exposed by the current debacle.

The more important long-term result is that it may encourage firms to work together in the past, both in formulating a set of common rules and in informing one another of strange goings on.

As Mr Harty put it: "This will send a shot across the bows of traders tempted to break the rules. In time, everyone involved in compliance will become tougher."

Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

I C Gas to spend £300m, says Gulf

I C Gas, the energy group best known for its Calor Gas interests, is currently planning a £300 million diversification, according to Gulf Resources which is making a hostile £750 million takeover offer for it.

The suggestion is contained in the formal offer documents from Gulf, which is controlled by the Barclay twins, David and Frederick. Gulf strenuously criticizes I C

Gas's "lack of strategic direction" and points out that it bought CompAir in 1980 for £64 million and sold five years later for a loss of £13 million.

The board of I C Gas is understood to be casting around for some further diversification, suggests Gulf, and figures of up to £300 million have been mentioned. The document points out

that the value of Gulf's cash bid, 530p per share, is a 64 per cent premium over the market value when Gulf made its first share purchases. Gulf maintains that the I C Gas board is unlikely to be able to produce results which would sustain a share price comparable to the level of its offer.

Mr David Barclay said yesterday: "The dismal perfor-

mance of I C Gas is a depressing tale for its shareholders. The share price in March, 1986, was below that of November 1980 despite a 143 per cent increase in the all-share index.

I C Gas shares closed last night at 589p, maintaining a substantial premium to the Gulf offer as speculators await the widely rumoured counter-

Advertisement for BTR (Bank of Transatlantic Republics) featuring the text 'OUR RESULTS ARE WAY ABOVE PAR. SEVE'S, ARE WAY BELOW.' and an illustration of a large, ornate safe with a keyhole and a handle.

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CBI CONFERENCE

Britain on right course, says retiring CBI chief

British industry had begun to reverse direction on the road to ruin in the past six years and the Government had set a course to improve the opportunities for business, Sir Terence Beckett, told delegates at the CBI Conference in Bournemouth today in his farewell speech as director general.

But, he added, the Labour Party's proposals on industrial relations law would take industry back to the slit trenches of the 1970s.

He received a standing ovation at the end of his speech in which he said: "It would be a tragedy if this reversal were itself reversed in the next 18 months."

"This is why we don't like the look of the Labour Party's initial proposals on industrial relations law."

Labour said there had been a change of attitude among trade unions which now accepted the need for the law to play some part in strike ballots and trade union elections.

But that was as far as most commentary on this proposals had got. Did anyone properly understand the rest of them?

Labour's plan did not give an employer the right to take trade unions to court for failing to hold a ballot, even when his business was in jeopardy. Employers would be deprived of any legal redress when unlawful strikes occurred.

"Not only would we be back to the slit trenches of the 1970s if these proposals were implemented", Sir Terence said.

"New laws are threatened on trade union recognition, to promote what they call industrial democracy and, beyond that, economic planning more generally."

On top of that there was a whole new tranche of costly individual rights for employees envisaged. He gave delegates only one guess who would pay for it.

Did they not realize that industry needed more, not less, regularity in working practices if it was to be world competitive?

OPPORTUNITIES

"We believe it is our role to talk to each of the political parties on policies to help industry and to endeavour to get changes made where their proposals would do real harm", he said.

The CBI was willing to talk at senior level to the Opposition parties on their proposed industrial relations law changes.

He hoped that the initial proposals would be changed and that they could get a better understanding on those matters soon.

His own difficulty in the past six years had been that the CBI, rightly, had had to differ from the Government occasionally. But that had been on tactical problems.

"In terms of strategy I believe this Government has set a course to improve the ultimate opportunities for business and the prospects for the country in a more radical way than has been attempted since the first measures of free trade were introduced over half a century ago", he said amid applause.

The CBI had worked closely with government in reducing the burdens on business, encouraging enterprise, reducing red tape, fostering small firms and establishing better youth training for instance.

Much of CBI thinking had been incorporated in policies the Government had adopted. CBI strategy over six years had campaigned for competitiveness, profitability and improved productivity.

Decline and unemployment were caused not by competitiveness but by uncompetitiveness.

Industry must sharpen its competitive edge and progress was being made on attitudes. Wonders never ceased - politicians of all parties and trade union leaders were beginning to pay tribute to that disgustingly beastly thing called competitiveness.

On profits, the most important single strategy the CBI

could pursue was ceaselessly to search for new products, new services, new markets and new niches in those markets to find higher value-added opportunities.

There would never be another opportunity as there was now to get pay settlements down, with 3 per cent inflation.

"Buy Now" was his message. Employees now understood much better that profits were the cost of staying in business.

Sir Terence said that to stop the export of capital and to encourage its return to this country by tax penalties would deny industry the benefits it achieved.

Industry was doing much better on profitability than six years ago, but the recovery had reached only about two thirds of the level earned in the early 1960s.

After all their efforts, they had reached only half the rate of principal competitors abroad.

Improved productivity required management to draw out and learn from the knowledge and potential of all employees so that "them and us" disappeared.

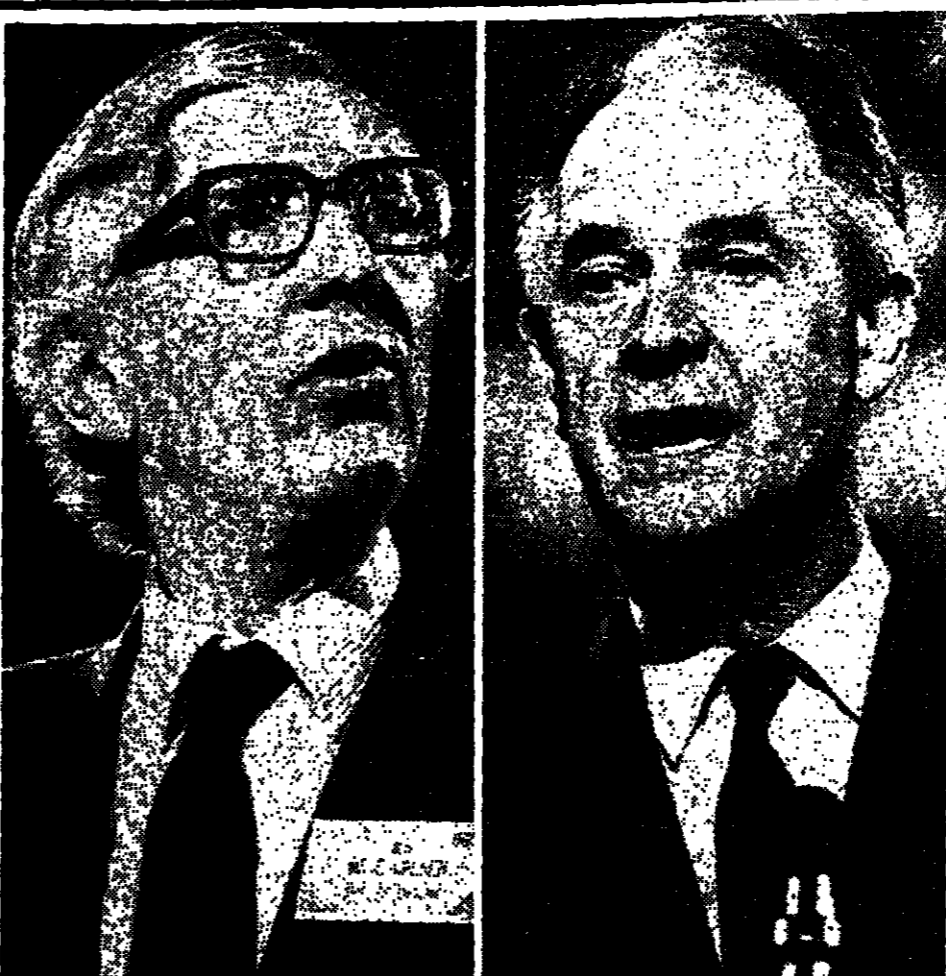
Earlier, Sir Terence said that the past six years had been difficult. They had been through the worst recession for half a century.

But was the criticism in terms of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's responsibility for more than three million unemployed fair?

When the recession came Britain was uncompetitive, unprofitable and woefully overmanned.

Previous governments, by intervention, had postponed change, particularly structural change so that when reality finally caught up, its effects were more drastic in Britain than elsewhere.

Many of the changes industry had wanted in the 1970s had been achieved. Today there was time to develop new products, to improve them and to get their costs, quality and delivery right.



Mr David Walker (left): Review of City-industry relations; and Sir Terence Beckett: Optimism in his farewell speech as director general.

Walker spells out his vision for the future

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, set out to the conference his vision of a capital-owning democracy which could lead to Britain's embarking on a great commercial revival and bringing a new and better atmosphere to the country.

He also set out his case for expanding the nuclear energy industry, but gave no hint of when any decision would be taken or what it would be. He pointed out that even the Soviet Union, after Chernobyl, intended to expand its nuclear industry.

He said he defied anyone to create a scenario in which he could cope with the problems of the next 10 to 40 years without nuclear energy.

He added that during this century the population of the world had quadrupled and the industrialized world had expanded by a huge amount. The result was that this century was the first when the

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availability of energy had become a big problem.

If they looked forward to the expansion of the industrialized world in the next few decades, not only in the Pacific Basin but in Africa, Asia, and South America, the demand for energy from finite resources would be an ever-increasing problem.

If they rejected a form of energy that provided 35 per cent of the electricity of the European Community, that was an important source of power to the great industrialized nations such as Japan and the United States, and if they remembered that the Soviet Union with all its mineral and energy resources was to double its nuclear investment, then a scenario without nuclear power was not possible.

He went on to discount other new forms of electricity generation on the ground that they would not make a big enough contribution. "I gave up research on solar energy mainly due to the lack of solar", he said.

The Severn Barrage, the second best barrage scheme in

the world, if successful, would produce only 2 per cent of the country's electricity.

He added: "So we have to see that the advantages of one of the cheapest forms, environmentally one of the best forms, of energy is available to mankind, but available with the maximum of safety."

Turning to the Government's privatization programme, he said that since 1979 there had been what could only be described as a revolution in making this country into a share-owning democracy.

Shares were being bought by more people, younger people, and people from all walks of life. So far seven million people had registered an interest in buying British Gas shares and inquiries were still coming in at a rate of 70,000 a day.

Recent research showed that 37 per cent of the adult population were interested in buying shares in British Gas.

Between 1979 and next year the picture would have changed from one in which one family in ten owned shares to almost one family in two. "I believe it is vital for a free enterprise system to recognize the advantage of this transformation."

City men defend themselves from industry attack

THE CITY

Representatives of the City of London strongly defended themselves at the conference against the contention by one industrialist that the square mile was nothing more than a gigantic gambling den whose wheeler-dealers and analysts were no more than tipsters.

The conference "big bang" between City and industry ended in a draw: a split vote right down the middle on a resolution critical of the City from the West Midlands Regional Council of the CBI.

The resolution stated: "Government and financial institutions in particular must recognize that if manufacturing industry is to survive, a long-term view must be taken in terms of financial returns, rather than the short-term view forced by them on British managers."

Defenders of the City made clear that in the main they did not like the last 12 words of the resolution.

As CBI members held aloft their blue cards the voting was so obviously even that Mr David Nickson, CBI president, said he would leave it at that and the conference and he felt that that might be a good starting point for everyone to work together.

During the debate it emerged that bridge-building seminars throughout the CBI regions are being arranged between industrialists and City experts to improve communications between the two, to increase understanding and iron out differences.

The attack on the "short-termism" of the City was led by Mr Tom Britton, of the West Midlands, who complained of the obsession among financiers for bottom-line figures.

Many firms had had to abandon worthwhile projects because the returns would only come in seven to ten years rather than the two to three years which the financial interests would prefer.

That situation could not be allowed to go on. It militated against research and development the results of which could not be seen for years.

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Long-term money was readily available for the right project and the well argued business case. Long money meant long-term risk - political marketing and financial risk - and that had to be balanced by proper reward for lender and industrial customer.

The most swingeing attack on the City came from Mr Norman Record, of C & J Clark, who complained that the frantic switch of funds from one company to another was achieving nothing. It was he who contended that the City had been converted into nothing more than a gigantic gambling den.

All the wheeler-dealing was just non-productive. By all this activity and by the ridiculous and hysterical merger mania the City was debilitating industry.

Mr C Day, of Henderson Pension Fund Management, coming to the defence of the City, said that it was a great success story. The City competed internationally against

American, Japanese and European colleagues. "And we win", he said.

Mr D Pollock, of the Stock Exchange, said to call it a casino was not only inaccurate but absurd. The future of the Stock Exchange and the future of industry were interdependent.

Mr J R C Elmslie, deputy chairman of Pearl Assurance, said they were not first and foremost investors; they were first and foremost salesmen of insurance. They had to obtain the funds before they could invest them and they must give their customers what they wanted, not what they ought to have.

Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of City Communications Centre and of Lloyds Bank, said he could not support the motion as it stood. The political pendulum had swung towards free markets all over the world.

Earlier, Mr David Walker, executive director of the Bank of England, said in a review of relations between the City and industry that remarkably few companies seemed ready to quantify how much they were committed to innovation to ensure their future competitiveness.

If boards wanted their shareholders to support them in committing resources to the long term, performance on the current performance on the way, it seemed only reasonable that they should indicate how much was being committed, in what direction, and what the pay-back period was likely to be.

He was not suggesting that company boards should seek to influence individual investment decisions, but they should not feel inhibited about engaging in dialogue with their pension fund trustees as part of the process by which the trustees arrived at an appropriate risk strategy.

He acknowledged that recent developments in the City had as much to do with ensuring that UK financial institutions and markets were competitive on a global scale

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as with the immediate needs of British industry.

"But we cannot afford to take a Little Englander view of all this", he said. "And British industry would certainly not be better served by a weaker securities industry."

They should surely seek to make the liberal and market-based system that we had work better, despite its flaws.

The solution to the takeover argument lay not with government but with industry and the City. Dr Malcolm Skidmore, of the Industrial Policy Committee, said when successfully moving a resolution stating that the conference believed that mergers and acquisitions were not necessarily a bad thing, but regretting that too many were pursued for the wrong reasons.

He said that business should not rely on politicians and bureaucrats to protect it from itself.

Britain needed businesses which could match imports and which could compete in the world market. Large companies which bought smaller companies could develop and market their ideas.

However, big companies were not always a good thing. The records of conglomerates made up of businesses from many areas were often poor.

SAINSBURY'S

Half-Year Results

£ million	1986	1985	Increase
	28 weeks to 4th October	28 weeks to 5th October	
Sales*	2,087.6	1,831.6	14.0%
Retail Profit	115.1	85.2	35.1%
Retail Margin	5.51%	4.65%	
Associates	8.5	7.2	17.1%
Group Profit before Tax	123.5	92.4	33.7%
Group Profit after Estimated Tax	80.3	60.1	33.7%
Earnings per Share (at 35% tax)	11.38p	8.60p	32.3%
Dividend per Share	2.05p	1.65p	24.2%

*Includes VAT £96.5 million (1985 £82.5 million)
The results are unaudited

Profits up by one third

Profitability
The increase of 33.7% in first half Group profit is the largest for five years. This reflects above budget growth in sales in existing stores and further improvements in efficiency throughout the business. Productivity has increased by 5%. Price competitiveness has further strengthened against major competition. The retail margin increased for the 4th year running to reach 5.5%.

Sales
Supermarket sales grew by 13.6% with two thirds of the growth coming from new stores. Sales volume growth of 11% compares with 9.3% a year ago. The level of food inflation during this period was the lowest for twenty years.

New Stores
The seven supermarkets opened in the half year have an average sales area of 29,000 square feet and are trading very successfully. A further eight new stores will open in the second half, of which five will open before Christmas.

Subsidiary and Associates
Homebase sales increased by 27% to £61.9 million while profit grew by 31% to £2.1 million. Five Homebases will open in the current year, bringing the total number of outlets to 33. SavaCentre profit before tax increased by 43% to

£8.3 million, benefiting from strong in-store growth and good cost control. The company continued to have the lowest food prices of any hypermarket or superstore group.

Shaw's increased its sales area by 12% and profit before tax grew by 5% to \$15.9 million. In September the Group increased its holding in Shaw's from 21.2% to 28.5%.

Profit Sharing
Profit sharing for 1986 amounted to £15.8 million of which over £7 million was taken in the form of 1.8 million shares by 13,000 employees - nearly half those eligible to choose shares. This was the highest proportion of employees to take shares since the scheme's introduction in 1980. As usual no provision for profit sharing has been made in the half year's accounts, since the level of profit share is dependent on the full year's results.

Dividend
The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 2.05p per share (1985 1.65p) which, together with its associated tax credit, is equivalent to a gross dividend of 2.89p. The total amount of the net dividend is £14.6 million (1985 £11.6 million). This dividend will be paid on 16th January 1987, to shareholders on the register of members at the close of business on 19th December 1986.

Good food costs less at Sainsbury's



Mr Peter Walker: The demand for energy in the future is going to be an ever-increasing problem.

Industry leaders back nuclear power

A motion on the need for nuclear energy was strongly attacked by a delegate who described it as "related with industrial self-interest" and said it paid little attention to the interests of the nation as a whole.

Several other delegates expressed doubts about the nuclear industry.

The conference, however, overwhelmingly passed the motion which expressed the belief "that an expanding, safe and efficient nuclear industry is essential if the UK is to provide competitive electricity prices in the 1990s and beyond".

The attack on the motion, put forward by the CBI Energy Policy Committee, came from Mr Stuart Johnson, managing director of King Tanslevin and Gregson (Holdings), and chairman of Yorkshire and Humber Electricity Council.

He said he would abstain in the vote because it was impossible to give the resolution unqualified support.

Of course industry required efficient and competitive electricity, but nothing should be done to jeopardize the

overriding issue of long-term safety.

"I do not stand here as a latter-day Luddite and have no mandate from the Greens, the anti-nuclear lobby or my Yorkshire coal industry", he said.

"I come here as an engineering observer who has learnt to live with Murphy's Law that if it is possible for something to go wrong, it will go wrong."

The reason for something going wrong was invariably the unimagined consequence of human shortcomings.

They could not expect the nuclear industry to achieve the glorious goal of eradicating human error.

Moving the motion, Mr Maurice Vogel, of Air Products, chairman of the Energy Policy Committee, said that, despite propaganda to the contrary, there was no sound evidence that the UK nuclear energy industry was unsafe.

British reactors were designed to override operator error.

cheaper to generate than coal-fired electricity.

It would be fully to eliminate nuclear power. It would have dire consequences on Britain's competitiveness, prosperity and jobs.

Mr Vogel was among those speakers who emphasized the importance of renewing public confidence in the industry.

Mr Roy Lawrence, of Raytel Group, said Sellafield's record had not been good. "And the way its management have had to be flushed into the open does not inspire confidence."

Disturbing medical reports required further investigation. "These who gathered around the Nirex site cannot all be the lunatic fringe, and their view should be listened to. They should not be pushed aside."

Mr Christopher Harding, of British Nuclear Fuels, reminded delegates that Britain had had safe nuclear electricity since 1956.

The Chernobyl disaster had affected public confidence and those in the industry understood the need to regain it. What they did had to be explained in simple language

that everyone could understand.

Without a growing nuclear contribution the price of power would rocket, the ability to compete overseas would suffer, as would living standards and unemployment.

Dr R.C. Sowden, of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA), told delegates: "If the British economy expands at a mere 2.5 per cent over the coming decades, by the year 2010 we shall need twice the energy that we consume today."

"With the most optimistic success of energy conservation we shall save 50 per cent of that increase, so we still have a 50 per cent gap."

"So the reference to conservation of energy as a solution to our problems is a fallacy."

Mr John Talbot, of the Electricity Council, and a member of the CBI Vision 2010 Group which has reported on the needs to prepare industry for the year 2010, urged support for the resolution. Electricity customers wanted cheap, reliable and safe electricity.



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COMPANY NEWS

DRAYTON CONSOLIDATED TRUST: Final dividend 8p, making 10.75p (10p) payable December 22. Figures in £000 for year to September 30. Gross income 6,133 (5,757), expenses and interest 709 (672), pretax revenue 5,424 (5,085), earnings per share 10.75p (10.34p).

EGOLI CONSOLIDATED MINES: Figures for six months to September 30 in rand. Turnover 9,349,936 (8,822,451), pretax income 3,323,961 (7,874,305), tax 155,915 (108,618), earnings per share on attributable income after transfer to non-distributable reserve 13.1 cents (14.9 adjusted).

HEALTH CARE SERVICES: Figures in £000 for year to September 30. Turnover 4,643 (3,473), pretax profit 311 (205), tax 109 (80), earnings per share 1.7p (1).

PACIFIC SALES ORGANISATION: The chairman told the annual meeting that sales in the first four months are running closely in line with the previous year.

THE NEW THERMOFORM TRUSTS (1985): Intending dividend 1.25p (same), payable January 15. Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Gross revenue 1,636 (1,400), pretax revenue 1,342 (1,104), tax 392 (361), earnings per share 2.43p (1.90p). The board anticipates that the total dividend for the year will not be less than last year.

CITY OF DUBLIN BANK: Final dividend 2.2375p making 3.2p (same) for the year to September 30. Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Gross revenue 1,636 (1,400), pretax revenue 1,342 (1,104), tax 392 (361), earnings per share 2.43p (1.90p). The board anticipates that the total dividend for the year will not be less than last year.

Intasun livens up price war with more cheap flights

From Derek Harris Brisbane

A new move in the foreign holidays price war was launched yesterday by Intasun, part of Mr Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group (ILG), with a big increase in cheap charter flights.

Intasun brought out its brochure on Skyworld "seats only" flights during the annual convention of the Association of British Travel Agents. There are 400,000 seats on offer, an 80 per cent increase on this year's programme.

In order to stimulate early bookings, special offers for people making reservations before January 10 include a



Mr Harry Goodman, 400,000 seats on offer three-night hotel break for two in Britain and reductions for children during high season.

Seat prices start from £39 and most flights are to Spain.

Skyworld has enhanced its programme despite complaints by the Spanish authorities about increases in the sale of such seats on holiday charter flights.

Seat-only arrangements remain within international airline regulations covering package tours on charter flights but essentially offer cheap return flights.

The Spanish claim that they threaten the country's hotel industry while undercutting scheduled flights. The British and Spanish governments are renegotiating the air treaty between London and Madrid.

Mr Tony Blyth has been made managing director of Sydney.

Heseline, Moss & Company has appointed the following directors: Mr Philip Dyson, Mr Denis McSweeney, Mr David Ings and Mr Jeremy Maddox.

Mr Nicholas Mitchell has been appointed director-general of the British Industry Committee on South Africa and executive director of United Kingdom South Africa Trade Association.

Bradstock, Blunt & Crawley, the Lloyd's brokers, have made Mr Vincent Byrne and Mr Malcolm Stratten directors.

Mr Brian Jolly has been appointed to the board of Walter Lawrence Project Management.

New holiday breed emerges

A new style of holiday-maker, the aspiring traveller, has been identified in new research by American Express, the charge card company which has also travel agency interests.

It believes there are about a million of them in Britain - about three quarters of whom live in the South-east - seeking to break out of a family mould of packaged foreign holidays and become independent.

The incomes explosion in the South-east through influences like the growth in financial services was creating new leisure habits, said Mr

Christopher Rodrigues, managing director for travel at American Express in Britain.

He was presenting the results of the company's survey to the Association of British Travel Agents.

The number of aspiring travellers has probably tripled over the past ten years, Mr Rodrigues said. One indication was the big increase in sales of charter aircraft seats unattached to full packaged holidays.

He described the new breed of traveller as wanting to create fresh experiences for

themselves, adding: "They are not snobs. It is not a question of wanting to go to Gstaad because top people go there."

"It is much more a question of going to a particular winter resort because it offers a particular type of challenge or a summer resort because, as in Agadir, you can wind surf in the day and go out to the high Atlas in the evening."

"If they are to stay ahead of the game, agents will have to keep honing up on new destinations and travel services to meet the needs of this increasingly sophisticated type of traveller."

Daniels for market

S Daniels, a company supplying grocery products to most of Britain's leading high street stores, is coming to the stock market valued at £9.9 million.

Mr Paul Daniels, the chairman, said: "Going public will enable us to go on the takeover trail straightaway." A total of 2,077,000 shares are being

placed at a price of 130p each through Robert Fleming, the merchant bank.

The amount raised for the company will be £1.18 million.

Daniels earned pretax profits of £460,000 last year on sales of more than £32 million.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Set Vol
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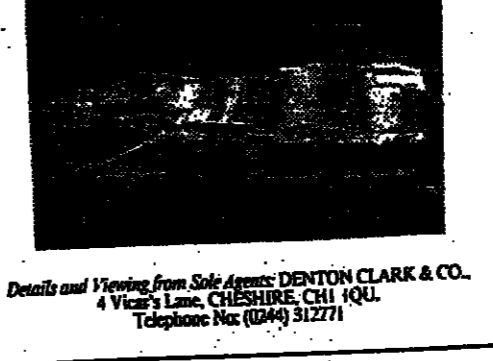
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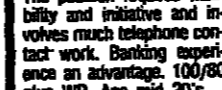
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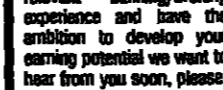
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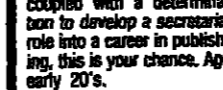
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YACHTING: SURPRISE DEFEAT FOR STARS AND STRIPES AS WHITE CRUSADER SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Important victory for Cudmore

From Keith Wheatley Fremantle
In the biggest upset for some weeks in the American Cup elimination series, White Crusader beat Stars and Stripes by over two minutes on a shortened course. The win is an important psychological victory for the British who have been struggling against a recent run of bad luck.



Cudmore: In confident mood before beating off the challenge from America's Stars and Stripes by 2min 20sec yesterday

The races did not start until nearly 4.0 p.m. local time. Race officials waited for the morning easterly to die away and there was then a considerable delay waiting for the 'Fremantle Doctor' to pay his call. When the breeze came it was a light but consistent 10 knots from the south south west. In the soft conditions, neither skipper was going to try and mix it before the start.

White Crusader, always Cudmore responded with a half-minute delay and then went over himself. The classic loose cover. Unless someone panics or something breaks, it is almost always the trailing boat that gives away time in a tacking duel. So it proved in this case. At the finish line of the 10.6-mile race White Crusader was ahead by 2min and 20sec.

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Crebbin estimated that White Crusader actually gave away around 15 seconds on the first leg through overstanding the mark. "In a sense we were surprised at how fast she was. The bad luck and gear failure of the last few days have obscured how much better the boat is," said Crebbin.

Cudmore tacked on to starboard as soon as he was laying the top mark. Conner came across on port to try to intercept but was way too low. The two extra tacks he had to put in to round the mark accounted for the margin to White Crusader.

The first two-thirds of the run was conservatively sailed but with a mile to go Conner gybed over and headed to the Perth shoreline. Cudmore covered him but as soon as White Crusader was able to lay the bottom mark gybed back and ran down.

Inexplicably, Stars and Stripes stood on towards the sand dunes, looking like cliffs in the late afternoon heat haze. When he brought the petrel-blue boat in to the mark she was just over 1min 17sec adrift.

The final leg of the shortened course was a classic tacking duel, over 50 between the two boats. Time and again Conner threw a tack at the

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TODAY'S RACES: USA v Challenge France; Canada II v Challenge France; New Zealand v Italy; America II v Heart of America; Azura v French Kiss; White Crusader v Eagle.

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Kookaburra III in Kookaburra II, 1min 34sec; South Australia in Australia III, 2:27; Australia IV in Steak 'n' Kidney, 5:22.

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MODERN PENTATHLON Poles took drugs at UK event

By Michael Coleman
Poland has accepted that its three-time team at the Birmingham international contest last June took drugs before the shooting event. An invitation to the Poles to witness the opening of the second sample taken at that event (known as the B) has been declined.

This amounts to an admission that all three athletes can expect severe penalties to be imposed when the executive of the sport's governing body, the Union Internationale de Biathlon (UIPB), meets in Stockholm on November 24.

The Warsaw authorities have been requested by the Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain to return the medals won by their team at the Birmingham contest which was sponsored by that city as part of the publicity for its Olympics bid. It was the major event of the year outside the world championships, attracting the top three in the sport: Surosin, the Italians, Masullo and Masala.

The three offenders were: Piotr Maciaszczyk, who finished fourth overall, Zbigniew Szabo, fifth, and Sławomir Kocub, eleventh. All had high scores on the 25-metre pistol range, Maciaszczyk returning 198 out of a possible 200, Szabo 194 and Kocub 196.

Each target score is worth 22 points and a modern pentathlon contest has been won or lost on the shooting range. The points to be gained are so precious that competitors have for decades been resorting to nerve-steadying aids such as alcohol, beta blockers and other sedatives.

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Davies powers her way into the big league

By John Hennessy
It is dangerous to deal in absolutes where golf, and many other sports, is concerned. To identify any modern player as uniquely outstanding is to invite indignant correspondence, as I recently discovered in overlooking the stature of Laura Davies among post-war amateur players.

But one should be safe where Laura Davies is concerned, since she has achieved in only two years a string of records as a member of the Women's Professional Golf Association which stamp her as a woman apart. She was the first newcomer to finish top of the Ring & Bryner order of merit last year; she has retained that distinction with a blistering finish over the last five tournaments of the season, and she has won the 25,500 prize money this year - £37,500 - a record, as are her four victories in the season.

Now is that all. Her spectacular 63 over the 5,339-yard Flaigh Field course on the first day of the Greater Manchester Open is the lowest, by two strokes, since the WPGA was set up in 1979 and her score in relation to par, nine under, is one stroke better than the previous WPGA record.

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She is 23 and has accumulated £59,236 of official prize money in two seasons, a queen's ransom compared with the £2,494 won by Catherine Fantau when the pioneers of the WPGA set sail into uncharted waters seven years ago. Miss Davies's £21,750 last year was topped up by £3,000 from Ring & Bryner and £7,000 from IBM, her sponsor. This year there is no IBM bonus but Ring & Bryner have come up with £5,000, to be presented at a ceremony next Monday, to bring Miss Davies's total to £42,500. To think that two winters ago she was keeping body and soul together by working in a betting shop

It was Miss Davies's greater powers of endurance that enabled her to dislodge Lotta Neumann from the top of the money list last month. She launched a blazing counter-attack by winning three of the last five tournaments, modestly the Greater Manchester Open and memorably the Spanish Open. Thus she converted a deficit of £12,466 compared with the Swede into a winning margin of £494.

It is no exaggeration to say that she creates some of Ballesteros's air of awed expectancy. When she unseated her three-wood for the fearsome carry over the ravine and Sabara of sand that were meant to protect Lotta's 18th green, one was reminded of the same reaction to the Spaniard's bold attack on The Belfry's 10th hole a few years ago.



Big-hitter: Laura Davies on her way to another record

AMERICAN FOOTBALL Browns prevail in battle of the gunslingers

In a duel of the bazooka-armed quarterbacks, Bernie Kosar, of the Cleveland Browns, outplayed Dan Marino, of the Miami Dolphins, 401 yards to 295 on Monday night, and the Browns prevailed 26-16 in Cleveland (Robert Kirby writes).

Kosar became the first quarterback in National Football League history to pass for 400 yards and not complete a touchdown strike. Harry Holt and Curtis Dickey, a former world-class sprinter, each ran for a touchdown and Matt Bahr added four field goals as Cleveland, who have won six of their last seven games, moved into first place in the AFC Central division.

BOBSLEIGH Swiss knowhow powers new British sledges

By Chris Moore
Nick Phipps, the British champion, is expected to raise more than a few eyebrows this week as the world's top bobsleighteers reconvene in Calgary after the summer recess for their first taste of the action on the newly constructed 1988 Winter Olympics bobs track at Calgary.

For the chances are that these sledges will be going up as well, particularly those in the Swiss camp. Britain's team have recently taken delivery of four new sledges, two two-man and two four-man, which when they are unveiled for the first time in public will, apart from their colour, resemble almost replicas of the custom-built Swiss sledges.

That is not altogether surprising, considering they have been secretly designed and built in Switzerland during the summer. The new sleds have been bought and paid for by Phipps' backers, Allied Steel, as part of

a £100,000 two-year sponsorship deal with the British Bobsleigh Association, leading up to the next Olympics.

The Cardiff-based company came to the conclusion that the world's fastest sleds, in a sport where medals are invariably decided by 100ths of a second, a sledge has only to be fractionally faster to give its crew a decisive advantage over four men.

Word is already out in Switzerland that the Brits have something resembling a carbon copy of their own design. Britain's highly respected coach, Gino Caviezel, is the technical

advisor to the sport's governing body, the Federation of International Bobsleighing and Tobogganing.

Based in St Moritz, Caviezel said a flying visit to Allied Steel's headquarters last month for the official announcement of their new tie-up with the BBA.

"These new sleds, without any doubt, should prove the best that Britain has ever had," Caviezel said. "I don't think Phipps is going to be too popular back home. But that won't concern him too much."

Phipps had previously loaned his sled to the team for the opening of the season for the Velins Cup at Winterberg from December 3, and which also incorporates the opening round of this season's World Cup. "The world's best sleds are going to be used in St Moritz from January 6, followed by the European championships at Cortina where Phipps and Cearnas broke the track record last season.

him win Britain's first gold medal in the sport for 20 years in last winter's World Cup two-man event at Cortina. Also on the transatlantic training trip to Cortina was Tom De la Haye, the 1983 British two-man champion, and second-year driver Peter Bruggeman.

Sean Tost, Britain's other principal driver, is already in the States with his crew preparing for the British four-man championships at Igls later in the month.

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Journalist can protect his source

Maxwell v Pressdram Ltd and Another
Before Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Parker
Judgment November 11]

For a journalist to be required to disclose his source of information to the court had to be justified that disclosure of the source was necessary in the technical sense of the administration of justice.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an interlocutory appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Robert Maxwell, from a ruling of Mr Justice Simon Brown given on November 10. During the course of hearing Mr Maxwell's libel action against the defendants, Pressdram Ltd, and Mr Richard Ingram, the publishers and the former editor respectively of Private Eye, the judge ruled that the writer of the article complained of, Mr Christopher Paul Victor Sylvester, and Mr Ingram were not obliged to disclose their source of information on which the article was based.

Further, the judge decided that the disclosure would not, within section 10 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, be necessary in the interests of justice.

Mr Richard Hartley, QC and Mr Thomas Shields for Mr Maxwell, Mr Andrew Bateson, QC and Mr Desmond Browne for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE KERR said that the issue concerned the disclosure by journalists of the technical sense of the administration of justice in the course of legal proceedings in a court of law; see Lord Diplock in Secretary of State for Defence v Guardian Newspapers Ltd (1985) AC 339, 350.

The article complained of appeared in Private Eye on July 12, 1985. It alleged that Mr Maxwell was to finance Mr Neil Kinnoch's trip to East Africa, Moscow and Central America. It also alleged that Mr Maxwell was doing that so as to be recommended for a peerage.

Those allegations were denied by Mr Maxwell and Mr Kinnoch's press secretary in letters to Private Eye. Those letters and further allegations were published on July 26 in Private Eye.

Mr Maxwell tried, unsuccessfully, to obtain an injunction against the publication of the second article. The main basis for the refusal at that stage of an injunction was that the defendants were pleading justification.

On July 24, 1985, the writ was issued, Mr Maxwell claiming exemplary damages. The defendant's main defence had been justification.

During the course of the trial which started on Monday, November 3, 1986, that plea was dropped. From the evidence given by Mr Sylvester and Mr Ingram it appeared that Mr Sylvester's informers were not going to give evidence.

Mr Hartley applied, under section 10 of the 1981 Act, that the defendant's main defence had to identify the issues and then apply that test.

In view of all that happened here the judge was right in concluding that the only issue for weighing the requirements of the requirement of the Act was whether the disclosure of the source was necessary in the technical sense of the administration of justice for those sources to be named.

Bearing in mind Lord Diplock's observations in Secretary of State for Defence v Guardian Newspapers Ltd that "expediency, however great, is not enough; section 10 requires actual necessity to be established, and whether it has or not is a question of fact..." one can only conclude that the judge was right in concluding that the only issue for weighing the requirements of the requirement of the Act was whether the disclosure of the source was necessary in the technical sense of the administration of justice for those sources to be named.

Lord Justice Parker gave a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Nicholson, Graham & Jones; Wright Webb Syrett.

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European Law Report Luxembourg

BL abused dominant market position

British Leyland plc v Commission, Merson Intervening
Case 226/84
Before Y. Galmot, President of the Fifth Chamber and Judges C.A. Jacksonweir, J.J. Everling, R. Joliet and J.C. Monteiro de Almeida
Advocate General M Darmon
(Opinion July 8)
[Judgment November 11]

By obstructing the reimportation into the United Kingdom of left-hand drive Metro cars, BL had abused a dominant position on the market and had thereby infringed article 86 of the EEC Treaty.

BL marketed its vehicles in Great Britain through a selective distribution network. Outside that network, however, a trade developed in the reimportation of Metro cars, mainly from Belgium, as a result of the differences between the prices charged by BL in the UK for right-hand drive vehicles and in the Continental EEC member states for left-hand drive vehicles.

In Great Britain a person seeking to register a vehicle for use on the roads had to produce a "certificate of conformity" certifying that the vehicle conformed to a previously approved vehicle type.

That certificate was issued by the manufacturer of the vehicle on the basis of a National Type Approval (NTA) certificate which it had obtained from the Department of Transport or, by the holder of a Primary Minister's Approval Certificate (PAC) issued by the Department of Transport only if the manufacturer provided the necessary technical information.

By a decision of July 2, 1984 the Commission found that BL had infringed Article 86 in three respects relating to that procedure and consequently imposed on BL a fine of 350,000 ECU.

British Leyland brought an action under article 173 of the EEC Treaty seeking the annulment of that decision or, in the alternative, a reduction in the amount of the fine.

In its judgment the Court of Justice (Fifth Chamber) held as follows:

Existence of dominant position
In the light of the British rules the Commission found that BL's abuse of its dominant position was not for the sale of vehicles, as BL had claimed, but a separate, ancillary market, namely that for services which were to practice indispensable for dealers who wished to sell their vehicles manufactured by BL in a specific geographical area.

The British rules conferred on BL a form of administrative monopoly in the relevant market and, with regard to the issue of the certificate of conformity, placed the dealers in a position of economic dependence which was characteristic of a dominant position. Consequently the application of the rules that it did not occupy a dominant position was to be rejected.

Abuse of dominant position
According to the Commission BL had abused that dominant position in three ways. In the first place, in November 1981 it refused to issue certificates of conformity for vehicles of that type which had been reimported from the Continent, although it was in a position to do so.

Third, in other cases, it charged an excessive fee for the issue of a certificate of conformity.

(a) Non-renewal of NTA certificate
By initially obtaining an NTA certificate for left-hand drive versions, BL had created a situation in which left-hand drive cars reimported from the Continental EEC member states were sold in the UK at a price which was lower than that of the cars manufactured in the UK.

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(b) Refusal to issue certificates
Since BL had committed to notify the alterations made to its left-hand drive Metros in October 1981, it could validly issue certificates of conformity both for vehicles manufactured before that date and for vehicles manufactured after that date which had no non-notified alterations had been made.

It was clear from an examination of the applications submitted to BL by traders that, in at least four cases, BL might have concluded that the cars concerned were all covered by the NTA certificate.

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under the British rules, it alone was in a position to supply to the Commission.

It followed that BL's conduct could only be construed as the manifestation of a deliberate intention on its part to create barriers to reimportations which came into competition with its own vehicles; distributors of that conduct was therefore to be regarded as an abuse of a dominant position.

(c) Excessive nature of fees
As the Court had held in its judgment in Case 26/75, General Motors v Commission (1975) ECR 1367, an undertaking abused its dominant position where it had an administrative monopoly and charges for its services fees which were disproportionate to the economic value of the service provided.

BL itself admitted at the hearing that the difference which existed at one time according to whether the certificate was requested by a dealer, who was charged £150, or by a private individual, who was charged only £100, was not based on the cost but on the consideration that the trader who was carrying out the transaction for gain could expect to be required to pay a higher fee.

The fact that the fee was first reduced to £100 and then £50 while for right-hand drive vehicles it remained at £25, also suggested that it was fixed solely with a view to making the reimportation of left-hand drive vehicles less attractive.

In those circumstances the Commission was entitled to conclude that the fee was fixed at a level which was clearly disproportionate to the economic value of the service provided and that the practice

Rejuvenated Burnt Oak to complete a treble

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Few who watched Burnt Oak win at Newbury a week ago will want to look further for the likely winner of the Arlington Handicap Chase there this afternoon, especially as he has already shown a great liking for the track by winning three times in all over the course and distance.

Two seasons ago, Brigadier Roscoe Harvey's ten-year-old took a particularly nasty fall at Liverpool. Whether it was that which affected him last season, I know not. But he seemed to be a shadow of his former self in the only three races he contested.

Greatly to his credit, David Nicholson has coaxed Burnt Oak back to his best this autumn. That is evident from a quick glance at his record.

Following a heartening first run at Worcester, Burnt Oak won nicely at Wincanton. Then came that runaway victory in the Lionel Vickers Memorial Chase last Wednesday when his jumping and overall zest for the game was a revelation.

Caught again in a similar bullish frame of mind, Burnt Oak is unlikely to be stopped easily even by a 7-lb penalty.

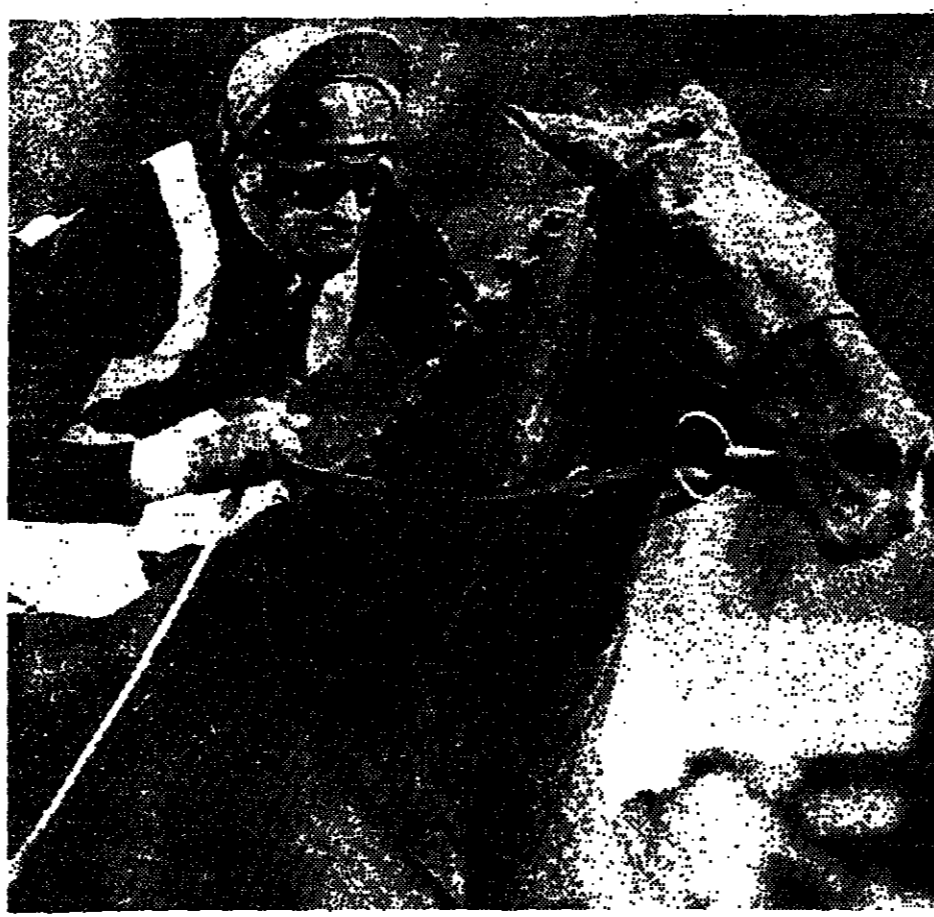
Burnt Oak has a somewhat unenviable tendency to swish his tail from time to time, but the fact remains that he still finished like a tiger a week ago and I think that he will prove capable of giving 9lb to Playboy, who was beaten a length by Yacare on his seasonal debut.

None of the other runners have run this season but that should not stop Polar Sunset from making a bold show now that Tim Forster's horses are running well. Nevertheless, Burnt Oak is the nap.

With Nicholson's horses in such fine fettle, no one should be surprised if the stable's talented young jockey, Richard Dunwoody, also wins on Cottage Run (3.0) and Loddon Lad (3.30).

Cottage Run, my selection for the Hallowe'en Novices' Chase, showed useful form over hurdles last season. But I always envisaged him as a chaser and now I hope to see him prove the point by beating Kitto.

Loddon Lad, my selection for the second division of the Wood Spoon Novices' Hurdle, undoubtedly did well to beat the more experienced



By The Way, Monica Dickinson's Hennessy hope, will start a warm favourite at Kelso today

Live In Hope at Chepstow first time out. Looking at him in the paddock beforehand that day, it looked as though a race would go his way. If I was right in my judgment, he should be very hard to beat this time.

The earlier division can go to Mad About Ya now that Robin Goodfellow is not running.

Devon and Exeter last month. The Winterton Handicap Chase looks poised to go to Midnight Song for the second year in succession. He will be all the better for that run behind French Union at Worcester. It will also be a bold person who opposes the recent Ascot winner Slip Up in the Chequers Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle.

Meanwhile, at Kelso the main point of interest will be the presence of Monica Dickinson's Hennessy Gold Cup entry By The Way in the small but select field for the

Arpal Conquest Handicap Chase. An easy winner over the course and distance already this autumn, By The Way should be too good for Hardy Lad and Little Frenchman.

Earlier in the day traveling companion Bascha Barnardo can initiate a stable double by winning the Caverton Amateur Riders' Maiden Hurdle at the expense of Vale of Secrecy. Finally, the distance of the Floors Handicap Hurdle looks tailor-made to bring the best out of Gordon Richards' dour stayer Dougie Ribbles.

Richardson: 25-year ban in Flockton Grey affair

The long-running Flockton Grey saga drew to a close yesterday when Ken Richardson, the man who masterminded the coup, was handed a 25-year ban by the Jockey Club.

Richardson, 57, was disqualified for 15 and three years, respectively. Colin Mathison and Peter Boddley, were disqualified for 15 and three years, respectively.

The trio had already been found guilty in court of swindling the three-year-old Good Hand for Flockton Grey to win a two-year-old auction race at Leicester in March, 1982.

At a disciplinary inquiry at Putnam Square they were found to be in breach of Rule 281 (vii) of the Rules which gives the Jockey Club power to disqualify anyone convicted of a criminal offence in relation to racing.

The inquiry, chaired by Sir William Douglas, lasted just over two hours and was the first in the history of the Jockey Club since the rules which give a horse must be in the care of a licensed trainer for 14 days immediately before a race.

Two years later, at York Crown Court, Richardson, Mathison and Boddley were convicted of conspiring to defraud in various places in Britain.

Richardson, a businessman, was given a nine-month suspended sentence, fined £20,000, and ordered to pay £100,000 costs. Mathison, a company director, was fined £3,000, and Boddley, a driver, was given a conditional discharge.

The trio, all from Driffield, Humberside, first appeals against their convictions were dismissed and it was only then that the Jockey Club could continue with its own inquiries and disciplinary process.

Last month, Stephen Wiles, who held the licence to train Flockton Grey, was handed five years for breaching the rules for 14 days immediately before a race, willfully entering a horse who was known not to be qualified, and deliberately or grossly misleading the Jockey Club.

His father, Fred Wiles, also admitted misleading the Jockey Club and was declared a disqualified person for three years, but his wife, Elaine, who confessed to aiding and abetting a breach of the rules, escaped punishment.

Before yesterday's hearing, at which he and the other two men were legally represented, Richardson said: "This is a foregone conclusion that I have served my sentence in any life." He refused to comment afterwards.

The Jockey Club was represented by Mr Christopher Nickols, and its case was presented by Jockey Club security investigating officer, Mr Dennis Brown.

Sir Gordon: true professional with the human touch

JOHN HISLOP (racing author and journalist, breeder and owner of Brigadier Gerard, and former leading amateur jockey) pays tribute to Sir Gordon Richards, who died on Monday

One of the few advantages of age is breadth of experience. Thus I was fortunate to have suffered racing shortly after Gordon Richards had begun his riding career, to have known him throughout it and so to have been able to form a critical assessment of him as a jockey compared with riders of later eras, and to appreciate him as a person.

It is a strange, but perhaps apt coincidence that his death should fall so close to the centenary of that of a jockey of commensurate fame, Fred Archer, for they are the two greatest of their profession in history, though their lives were so different, Richards' short and tragic, Archer's long and happy.

Yet they had in common the insatiable determination to win and ability which placed them far above their contemporaries.

Gordon Richards' path was a tougher one than that of any champion after him. The standard of riding in his day was higher and top ability extended further down the scale.

Lack of starting stalls and patrol cameras put a premium on technical skill at the start and the ability to cope with rough riding, impossible to get away with today. There were fewer meetings and no motorways to speed travel.

Richards was essentially an individualist. He rode with a long, loose rein, his body fairly upright and stirrup leathers long. But he was able to guide and control his horse perfectly by neck-reining and the use of his legs.

His whip was swung vigorously and brought out a long way from home, but he did not punish horses, often never touching them, and it was difficult to tell what he had in reserve.

Often he seemed beaten some way out, but miraculously produced a final effort which brought victory. He never gave up, and for him to lose a race should have been a virtual unknown.

As a result of having contracted tuberculosis as a boy he was always careful of his health and prepared for each flat racing season like a boxer, employing a trainer to get him fit.

His patrons and the trainers for whom he rode praised him not only for his ability, but for the meticulous way in which he honoured his agreements.

He had a spell as a trainer, being more successful than generally appreciated, perhaps because his exceptional record as a jockey outshone his training victories. Then he became racing manager to Sir Michael Sobell and Lady Beaverbrook, when not a little of their success was due to his guidance and advice.

He rode out regularly at West Liskey on his pony Pip, who looked a dreadfully uncomfortable ride but seemed to suit his master and he took great interest in the training and career of Brigadier Gerard.

A fine speaker and singer, he loved a party, especially if it centred on singing-song, but avoided hangers-on and preferred home life to night life.

The death of his wife, Margery, a few years ago was a great blow to him, but his character and way of life did not change. He looked 20 years younger than his age and as fit as in his riding days.

If ever a man deserved his knighthood it was he. We drink to your memory, Sir Gordon, and wish your spirit well.

Clara Mountain's effort grinds to a halt

Clara Mountain, 7-1 on favourite in the two-runner Shepherds Meadow Chase at Hereford yesterday, refused in spectacular fashion. Tim Forster's normally consistent chaser was a furlong clear of Rockfield Boy when he ground to a halt at the 11th fence.

Richard Dunwoody was unseated as Clara Mountain refused going into the fence, but he was back in the saddle in a flash for another attempt. Three more times Dunwoody tried to get a holding over the obstacle, and on every occasion he stubbornly refused to co-operate.

Finally giving up, Dunwoody said: "Even before that fence he was never going well and was always jumping badly. Rockfield Boy, a 2-1 chance, was the reluctant hero. He attempted to run out after the seventh fence and his jockey Tony Carroll reported that more than once his wayward character tried to pull himself up.

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It was not a good day for Forster. The Letcombe Bassett trainer's Letrak City, 7-4 favourite for the Hush Summer Challenge Bowl Handicap Chase, was merrily bowling along in the lead when he unseated Luke Harvey at the seventh fence.

His departure left the way clear for Hope End to maintain the excellent record of ex-jockey Robin Dickinson since he started training in August. From just 15 years he has now saddled five winners.

"It has been a marvellous start," said Dickinson, adding: "I have 15 horses at the moment, but can do with a few more of the right sort."

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Selections By Mandarin

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- 1.30 Midnight Song.
- 2.00 BURNT OAK (nap).
- 2.30 Slip Up.
- 3.00 Cottage Run.
- 3.30 Loddon Lad.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 PLAY BOY (nap).

Going: Chase course - good to soft; Hurdles course - soft

1.0 WOOD SPEEN NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1, £1,442; 2m 100yd) (16 runners)

102	0-401	MAD ABOUT YA (P Byrne) & Kennard 5-11-5	B Powell	97	7-4
103	0-402	AH HELLO (Loddon Aggregates Ltd) & Jenkins 5-11-0	S Sherwood	---	---
104	0-403	BELLA'S (P Waters) & Rowe 5-11-4	C Brown	---	---
105	0-404	DUBLIN BAY (J Sumner) & Forster 5-11-0	H Davies	---	3-1
106	0-405	GAY MOORE (Mrs C Beasley) & Murray-Smith 5-11-0	Miss C Beasley	---	99
107	0-406	HAVE FAITH (M Goymer) & Woodman 5-11-0	M Richards	---	---
108	0-407	KING OF THE NORTH (Lewellyn Sharkey) & Wightman 4-11-0	M Harrington	---	---
109	0-408	RANDOM CHARGE (P De Widd) & Jenkins 5-11-0	J White	---	---
110	0-409	ROVING GLEN (Mrs L Dwyer) & Noyce 5-11-0	G Merragh	---	---
111	0-410	RUM (Mrs C Clowrthy) & Jenkins 5-11-0	R Davies	---	12-1
112	0-411	SALMON RUN (Mrs J Mead) & Nicholson 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	---	5-1
113	0-412	SKY BLUE SINGER (J Poynton) & Gillard 6-11-0	E Murphy	---	8-1
114	0-413	TRIAL (C Jendryk) & Jermolov 5-11-0	G McCourt	---	10-1
115	0-414	TOURNAMENT LEADER (D Mitchell) & Mead 5-11-0	B de Haan	---	81
116	0-415	UNION (Mrs G McFerran) & Dugdale 7-11-0	P Barton	---	10-1
117	0-416	WITHOUT (D Conroy) & Taba 5-11-0	C Smith	---	---

1985: INSULAR 5-11-0 B Reilly (5-4 fav) & Bading 11 ran

1.30 WINTERBORN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,996; 2m 160yd) (4 runners)

201	1902-13	ISSOTTABEARLIGHT (J O'Flynn) & Mrs W Sykes 9-11-10	S Alton	99	FS-4
202	3232-3	MIDNIGHT SONG (C Hays) & P Price 11-10-4	F Forster	96	7-4
203	0-417	CARE (S Ranby) & Forster 10-10-2	A Gwynne	94	3-1
204	2224-0	TAFFY JONES (P Mearns) & McCormack 7-10-1	P Barton	92	10-1

1985: MIDNIGHT SONG 10-11-7 H Davies (9-1) & Forster 3 ran

FORM ISSOTTABEARLIGHT was below form on latest start; on seasonal reappearance (11-5) easily beat Dunwoody (11-7) at Hereford (2m, £2,227, good, Oct 18, 5 ran). On first start of last season (11-5) at Stratford (2m, £2,185, good to soft, Apr 18, 5 ran). On first start of last season (11-5) at Stratford (2m, £2,185, good to soft, Apr 18, 5 ran). On first start of last season (11-5) at Stratford (2m, £2,185, good to soft, Apr 18, 5 ran).

2.0 ARLINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,811; 3m) (6 runners)

301	2391-0	BALLYVILLAN (CJ) & Sheridan 9-11-11	P Dever	90	10-1
302	3121-1	SACRED PATH (D C Cox) & Heath 8-11-8	C Cox	88	9-1
303	2042-2	PORT ASKANG (CJ) & Long 11-11-1	G McCourt	85	5-1
304	0411-5	POLAR SUNSET (CJ) & Woodman 8-11-0	H Davies	87	4-1
305	0402-1	BURNT OAK (CJ) & Harvey 10-10-10 (7x)	R Dunwoody	96	11-4
312	0411-2	PLAY BOY (Duke of Abercorn) & Finner 7-10-1	P Scudamore	99	FS-2

1985: GLENCOX 8-11-6 C Charles Jones (2-1) S Muller 4 ran

FORM BALLYVILLAN (11-5) successful on penultimate start of last season when beating Co Member (10-5) 4m (2m) at 2,255, good, Mar 21, 18 ran. SACRED PATH was successful three times last season, the last of which (11-3) was a head beating of Nitras (10-8) at Chesham (2m 11 Nov Ch. 2,262, heavy, Apr 17, 18 ran). On first start of last season (11-5) at Stratford (2m, £2,185, good to soft, Apr 18, 5 ran). On first start of last season (11-5) at Stratford (2m, £2,185, good to soft, Apr 18, 5 ran).

2.5 ARLINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,811; 3m) (6 runners)

1	0417-0	ISSOTTABEARLIGHT (CJ) & Sheridan 9-11-11	P Dever	90	10-1
2	3121-1	SACRED PATH (D C Cox) & Heath 8-11-8	C Cox	88	9-1
3	2042-2	PORT ASKANG (CJ) & Long 11-11-1	G McCourt	85	5-1
4	0411-5	POLAR SUNSET (CJ) & Woodman 8-11-0	H Davies	87	4-1
5	0402-1	BURNT OAK (CJ) & Harvey 10-10-10 (7x)	R Dunwoody	96	11-4
6	0411-2	PLAY BOY (Duke of Abercorn) & Finner 7-10-1	P Scudamore	99	FS-2

1985: GLENCOX 8-11-6 C Charles Jones (2-1) S Muller 4 ran

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Selections By Mandarin

- 1.15 Rancho Barnado.
- 1.45 Cent Attraction.
- 2.15 Lamium.
- 2.45 By The Way.
- 3.15 Oaken.
- 3.45 Dougley Rebel.

By Michael Seely

1.15 Rancho Barnado. 2.45 By The Way.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.15 VALE OF SECRCY.

Going: good

1.15 CAVERTON MAIDEN HURDLE (Amateurs: 2695; 2m 6f) (20 runners)

1	000P	ARK MYADEN (H Mair) & Wray 7-11-7	Miss F Staley (7)	---	---
2	000A-0	BUNNY'S CLOWN (R Shale) & Shale 6-11-7	R Shale (7)	---	---
3	000B-0	BUNNY'S CLOWN (R Shale) & Shale 6-11-7	R Shale (7)	---	---
4	000C-0	BUNNY'S CLOWN (R Shale) & Shale 6-11-7	R Shale (7)	---	---
5	000D-0	BUNNY'S CLOWN (R Shale) & Shale 6-11-7	R Shale (7)	---	---

1985: MASTER KICK 4-11-0 D Swindhurst (20-1) D Swindhurst 18 ran

1.45 CHERRYTREES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,612; 2m 196yd) (9 runners)

1	3002-0	KARONDOON (L J Col) & Warden 8-11-10	L Wyer	98	7-1
2	0417-0	TRIPLE VENTURE (F Craig) & Craig 1-11-8	S Charlton	90	12-1
3	0414-0	VERLEIGH CITY (C) & Forster 11-11-0	B Stoney	99	FS-4
4	0411-0	CENTRE ATTRACTION (CJ) & Mason 9-11-0	P Tuck	92	7-2
5	0412-0	THE SMALL REVENUE (D Preece) & Preece 8-10-0	C Grant	92	16-1
6	0413-0	TASAR (CJ) & Wray 11-11-0	J Keaney	90	9-2
7	0414-0	WARDROBE (R) & Thornbury 7-10-0	P Doyle (7)	---	---
8	0415-0	BOSTON LAD (M O'Keefe) & Wray 5-10-0	D Dalton	91	25-1

1985: SOWLEND 8-10-0 C Hawkins (5-2) R McDonald 3 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS		WINNERS		PERCENT		RACES		PERCENT	
J O'Flynn	25	17	67.6	17	67.6	17	67.6	17	67.6
Mrs M Dickinson	5	3	60.0	3	60.0	3	60.0	3	60.0
Mrs G Hopley	1	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0
Dennis Smith	1	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0
J Wether	1	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0
A Stephenson	1	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-432 TIMEFORM (CDBP) (Mrs J Pyle) B Hat 9-10-0

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure distance winner. BF-bracketed favourite in latest form. F-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-bracketed runner. S-stopped up. R-refused. Horse's name (S-Silver, V-Violet, F-Fred, E-Elizabeth). Horse's name (S-Silver, V-Violet, F-Fred, E-Elizabeth). Horse's name (S-Silver, V-Violet, F-Fred, E-Elizabeth).

2.30 CHEQUERS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,211; 3m 120yd) (10 runners)

403	00000	SHINY COPPER (D Tyler) & Mrs N Smith 8-11-7	R Gault	---	---
404	00011	SLIP UP (F Gray) & Gray 8-11-5	P Conroy	---	---
405	00044	HY-NO (Mrs M Shubaker) & Gando 10-11-2	T Wulley	---	---
406	0040-2	SUPER GRASS (Mrs M Michael) & Mellor 7-10-11	G Linstead	---	---
407	0040-2	SUPER GRASS (Mrs M Michael) & Mellor 7-10-11	G Linstead	---	---
408	0040-2	SUPER GRASS (Mrs M Michael) & Mellor 7-10-11	G Linstead	---	---
409	0040-2	SUPER GRASS (Mrs M Michael) & Mellor 7-10-11	G Linstead	---	---
410	0040-2	SUPER GRASS (Mrs M Michael) & Mellor 7-10-11	G Linstead	---	---
411	0040-2	SUPER GRASS (Mrs M Michael) & Mellor 7-10-11	G Linstead	---	---
412	0040-2	SUPER GRASS (Mrs M Michael) & Mellor 7-10-11	G Linstead	---	---

1985: PRINCE'S DRIVE 7-10-0 C Evans (9-1) B Pelling 9 ran

FORM SLIP UP (10-10) showed consistent improvement to beat the first finishing High Heaven (10-9) 3m at Ascot (2m, £2,248, firm, Oct 28, 10 ran). SUPER GRASS (10-5) returned to best when 2nd at Newbury (10-10) with STAFFORDSHIRE IRON (11-8) pulled up early on, Stratford (2m, £2,272, good, Nov 6, 14 ran). On first start of last season (11-5) at Stratford (2m, £2,272, good, Nov 6, 14 ran). On first start of last season (11-5) at Stratford (2m, £2,272, good, Nov 6, 14 ran).

3.0 HALLOWEEN NOVICE CHASE (£3,106; 2m 160yd) (8 runners

CRICKET

Left-arm bowlers threaten to further undermine England

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Brisbane

There is not much danger of England suffering from over-confidence when the Test series starts here on Friday. Australia's journalists, no less than their left-arm bowlers, are seeing to that. "Poms of course are the worst in the world," was the first headline to catch my eye on arrival on Monday. The next referred to Botham's "saddest day".

Slack from facing the one over that remained to be bowled, and if it was necessary Slack should not be in the side. Worse than that, it smacked of pessimism, a consequence, I suppose, of England's constant batting collapses. In the 30 first-class innings they have completed in 1986 - in West Indies, Australia and at home - their average total is not much over 200 - few enough, in other words, to make each innings an ordeal. Gaining 79 runs in six first-class innings on the tour, Slack (16 in four first-class innings) and Gower (37 from four and but a single hundred in 43 first-class innings this year) all landed here from Perth last night in need of reassurance.

England have had trouble in the past with left-arm opening bowlers in Australia, most recently in 1979-80 when Dymock won the first Test for Australia by taking 6 for 34 in England's second innings and 9 for 86 in the match. Before that there was Davidson and, in 1958-59, Meckiff. As a line of attack it presents its own problems, especially when the ball is swinging about as it can on a steamy Brisbane day.

There were times when even Davidson himself was surprised to find the ball moving in a direction he had not intended, so that it was hardly surprising if the batsmen were baffled. I am not sure that Alan Davidson receives quite the recognition he deserves as one of the great all-round cricketers. Meckiff was quite different. Peter May's side came across him for the first time when he played for Victoria against them, almost a month before the first Test. Preparation for the Test series consisted then not of three first-class matches but of seven, the side progressing gently round the crescent from Perth to Brisbane, via Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. Already on this tour they have been from Brisbane to Perth and back, a distance not much short of the return journey from London to New York. The modern itinerary makes a good excuse when things are going wrong.

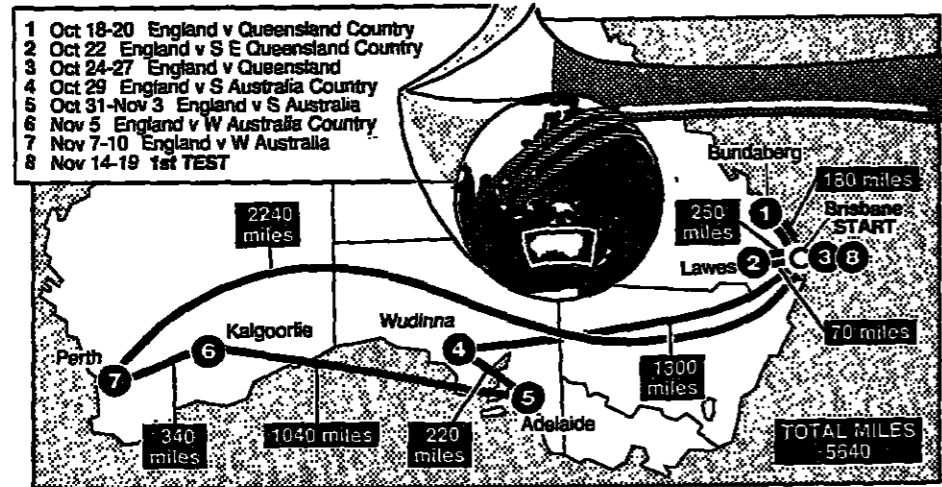
Meckiff took five for 85 in that match with Victoria, and although no one was in much doubt that he threw, the consensus was that he posed an insufficient threat to warrant an objection. We could hardly have got that more wrong. When, in the Test matches, he let fly, he was a very different proposition. It was here in Brisbane, incidentally, five years later, that Meckiff was finally outlawed. No-balled by Umpire Egar four times in the first and only over of his eighteen Test matches, against South Africa in 1963-64, he retired there and then. But nothing like that is likely to happen now. No one has suggested that Reid and Matthews, the two left-arm swing bowlers in the Australian 12 for Friday, have dubious actions.

If, in his prime, Boycott had an Achilles heel, it could be said to have been against left-arm bowlers armed with a new ball. There was Sobers for one, and a theory existed that his prolonged withdrawal from Test cricket in 1974 was prompted by the thought of the Indian, Solkar, swinging the ball late into him from over the wicket or running it away to the slips. The most successful English county bowler of recent years, John Lever, uses the same method. So, too, does David Thomas of Surrey, which makes it that much more of a pity that injury has held him back.

That Reid is so very tall (6ft 8in) and willowy could turn out in the long run to be England's advantage. To remain consistently effective, bowlers of that height need usually to be strongly built, like van der Bijl and Garner, rather than of the gangling type that Reid is. If England's prospects at the moment are clouded by the trouble they have been having with the swinging ball, Reid and Matthews are not, I fancy, a threat in the way of the West Indian fast bowlers so much as an interesting challenge. England's batsmen should be well capable of coming to terms with it.

When Slack is good he is, of course, admirable; but he does have these very barren "trots", as the Australians call them. Early last summer, when he was in the middle of one, he wanted the selectors to forget all about him, which made it all the more surprising that they preferred him for this tour to Robinson and Metcalfe, both of whom had made a lot more runs. And unfortunately present-day Australian tours, comprising mainly Tests and one-day internationals, provide few chances of batting or bowling oneself into form.

The long trek to the first Test



During the first month that they have been in Australia, England's cricketers have played seven matches (two Test matches). Preparing for the first Test match on Friday has meant travelling 5,640 miles.

consequence of one-day matches in different venues. "They will do even more travelling for the one-day matches in the month of January than they have done so far. I do not agree in principle with the amount of limited-overs cricket they have to play, and the travelling becomes a part of it," he said.

Australians' opportunity to gain some income. They argue that flying from Adelaide to Brisbane is no more arduous than driving from London to Manchester. Yet one of the most striking aspects of flying is driving from airport to airport and hotel back to airport," he said.

As can be gleaned from the map above, three visits to Brisbane in one month might be deemed to be unnecessary. The Australian High Commission assist as much. It is not just on the field that cricket has undergone great change.

Riot cities remain as venues

The Sind provincial government have decided, after studying army and police reports that West Indies can safely play next week's scheduled matches in Hyderabad and Karachi, where more than 50 people have died recently in civil riots. Both cities have virtually returned to normal in the past three days, after a week of arson and shooting, which involved different ethnic groups and students.

Presumably if the position changes again, nearer the time, the venues could still be switched. Clearly a great number of fingers will be crossed that nothing untoward happens to the cricketers. It was small consolation, too, to read in a guide book that the Sind area, with its vast barren tracts, was even known to ancient travellers, such as the Persians, Greeks and Arabs, as the "land of uncertainties".

Lancashire have drawn up a shortlist of four for the position of coach. They are Jack Simmons, the county's vice-captain; Alan Ormrod, captain of the successful second team; David Lloyd, a former Lancashire captain and now on the first-class umpires list; and Mike Harris, the only outsider in the quartet. Harris played for Middlesex and Lancashire and now coaches at Lord's.

Lancashire put four on shortlist

Lancashire will decide upon the captaincy for next season when the former West Indies captain, Clive Lloyd, settles plans for his future. Lloyd, who was Lancashire's captain last season, is considering a contract together with offers from abroad. The club are to take no action over Lloyd's alleged criticisms of the committee at a recent dinner. Lloyd has apologized.

Spinal injuries fund gets appeal boost

Show jumping's biggest sponsors are backing an appeal to raise £250,000 for spinal injury victims. Everest Double Clothing are to support the Spinal Injuries Association's appeal on behalf of its 5,000 paraplegics, many of whom received their injuries through horse riding.

Centurion Thorburn in a hurry

Cliff Thorburn, the Canadian champion, whitewashed a former wall-of-death rider, Graham Crispey, with successive century breaks in the third round of the Mercantile Credit Snooker Classic in Blackpool on Monday night.

Snooker

position and was forced to take the blue. A maximum would have been worth £5,000, but if Thorburn's break is the highest of the pre-telvised stages, he will have to be content with £1,250. The start of the third round has brought about the elimination of Dennis Taylor and Neal Foulds and the return of the former Classic champion, Willie Thorne, and the Welshman, Doug Mountjoy, joined them among the also-rans. Thorne was beaten 5-3 by John Spencer.

Today's fixtures

7.30 unless stated FOOTBALL European Championship Group One Spain v Romania. Group Four England v Yugoslavia (at Wembley). Group Five Greece v Hungary (3.0). Group Six Czechoslovakia v Denmark (at 3.30). Scotland v Luxembourg (at Hampden Park, 8.0).

Sports medical centre planned

Derek Dougan, the former Wolverhampton and Northern Ireland international, announced plans in Dudley yesterday to build the first purpose sports medical complex in Britain. It will be known as the Duncan Edwards Sports Medicine Centre in honour of the former Manchester United footballer who was born in Dudley.

Football

Full Members' Cup Second round Aston Villa v Derby. INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Republic of Ireland (A.O.) EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group One: Spain v Romania (3.0). FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v Ipswich (2.0). Bristol Rovers v Middlesbrough (2.0). Hull v Sheffield United (7.0). Nottingham Forest v Leicester City (7.0). Second division: Hartlepool v Colchester, Torquay v Devon.

Rugby Union

THORN-EMI COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Middlesex v Eastern Counties (at Sudbury, 2.30). Surrey v Kent (at Imber Court, 7.0). Gloucester v Gloucestershire (7.0). Walsley v Moseley (8.0). CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University v Leicester (7.0). Coventry v Newcastle (7.15). Gloucester v Gloucestershire (7.0). Wakefield v Moseley (8.0).

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Juggler: Reggie Langhorne, of the Cleveland Browns, has trouble controlling the football but finally catches it against the Miami Dolphins. Browns won 26-16. Report, page 41

Rugby Union

University challenge Returning players bolster Middlesex for Lynagh

By David Hamds, Rugby Correspondent

Michael Lynagh, the Queensland player who played centre during Australia's grand slam tour of Britain and Ireland in 1984 and was at stand-off half during the Scotland tour, will play for the West London side against the University of Oxford on November 19. Lynagh, it is hoped, may become a student at Oxford after he has completed his studies at Queensland University, for the moment his appearance this month owes much to the sponsorship of Jimmie Stewart, worth £400 this year, the fourth year of their involvement with the annual Stanley's game. He will be partnered by Robert Jones, the Swansea and Wales scrum half.

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Returning players bolster Middlesex for Lynagh

Middlesex, who already head the London division of the Thorn-EMI County Championship, are able to restore two internationals to their side against Eastern Counties at the Wasps ground, Sudbury, today to ensure that they stay top and qualify for the semi-finals on March 14. Nick Stringer and Simon Smith, both of Wasps, return at full back and right wing after recovering from, respectively, neck and knee injuries. But Middlesex optimism that two of their forwards - Jackson, the captain and No. 8, and Olver (hooker) would play was not borne out. Jackson's chipped ankle bone and Olver's twisted ankle, injuries sustained during Harlequins' defeat of Gloucester at the weekend, preclude them and their places go to Lee Adamson, of Saracens, and Paul Tappin, of the West London Institute hooker.

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A draw would be sufficient for Middlesex purposes since they have already beaten Surrey and Kent, but they should overcome Eastern Counties, who also make changes at full back and wing. Wilshire, the London Welsh player but late of Metropolitan Police, and Gregory (Southend) join the side. Kent runners-up to Warwickshire in last season's final, need to beat Surrey at Imber Court this evening to avoid demotion to Group 'B' in the London division. However, Surrey have Gibson, their captain, back from international duty and have made substantial changes in the back-row going to Steve Cheval, brother of Rob, the No. 8 from Askeans. The Swansea full back, Mark Thomas, returns to the Cambridge University side after a year's absence for tonight's game against Leicester at

Rugby League

Widnes in bid for a repeat of 1978 feat

By Keith Macklin

At a time when British rugby league is once again on its knees before the skill and might of Australia, Widnes can boast that they were the last club team to beat the Kangaroos. This was back in October 1978, when the Australians waxed indignant as Widnes were awarded a penalty kick in injury time, and Mick Burke landed the goal to give them an 11-10 victory.

Thoughtful Widnes make their bid to repeat their 1978 win. Since then 21 clubs have tried to lower the Australian colours without success, and on the tour so far the Kangaroos have stood aside club opposition, with only minor frustrations against Wigan and Oldham. Myler, the Great Britain stand-off half, is virtually certain to miss tonight's game with knee and back injuries, and there must be some doubt about his chances of being fit for the third international a week next Saturday. Team selection has been delayed until Widnes take a full stock of their injuries.

Two players who will be anxious to get to grips with the Australians will be the loose forward, Pinner, and the winger, Bassett. Both can stake firm claims for inclusion in the Great Britain squad with good performance tonight. Pinner, in particular, will be out to impress the watching Great Britain management team, since he has made a remarkable comeback with Widnes after being out of the game for so long during his dispute with St Helens. He wants the Great Britain jersey back again, and would like to remain Maurice Bamford and international side against New Zealand last season.

Hockey

Australia to play in Glasgow

By Sydney Friskin

Australia, the hosts for the 1988 Indoor World Cup tournament at Canberra, are sending their national side to play in the eighth Glenfiddich invitation tournament at Glasgow on January 10 and 11 next year. It will be Australia's first overseas tour of the indoor game although two of their state sides, Victoria and New South Wales have already played in the Glenfiddich tournament. They will have several talented players who helped them to win the World Cup outdoors in London last month.

The English challengers at Glasgow are Tulsa Hill, the national indoor club champions whose team includes Richard Clarke, the scorer of more than 100 goals for England. They will be playing in this tournament for the first time. So too will Arminen of Vienna who have won the Austrian national championship for the past 10 years. Murray International Metals of Edinburgh, the holders, Menzieshill of Dundee, last year's runners-up, Team Indipension of Glasgow, Kalliber (formerly Team Volkswagen) from Northern Ireland and Avoca of Dublin make up the eight sides for this distinguished tournament.

Motor Cycling

Championship first for Donington

Donington Park will stage all of Britain's rounds in the world and European motorcycle championships in 1987. It is the first time that the British circuit has held the four road-racing championships run by the world governing body. The highlight will be the British Grand Prix meeting on August 2 which will include all the world championship classes - 500 cc, 250 cc, 125 cc, 80 cc and sidecars. The programme opens at Easter - April 19 and 20 when the European 250 cc and 125 cc sidecar championship races for 500 cc, 250 cc, 125 cc and sidecars form part of Donington's Easter bike programme, which is headed by the seventeenth running of the America v United Kingdom transatlantic superbike challenge.

After a three-year gap, the world endurance championship returns to the United Kingdom with an eight-hour round at Donington on May 24. Donington runs the final round in the 10-race world TT Formula One championship on September 27.

European boost

David Baker, joint leader of the National Trophy Cycle Cross series, after beating professional Steve Douce, in the second round, heads a Great Britain amateur team at a European challenge race at Gorzow, Poland, on Sunday.

New man in charge

Featherstone Rovers have appointed Derek Daley as their team manager. He succeeds George Pieniazek, who was dismissed last week. It is Daley's second spell in charge at Featherstone. He guided them to the second division championship in 1980.

SPORT

Mabbutt charged with England's midfield security

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The finals of the European Championships may lie two years away but by tonight, England could find themselves standing on the threshold of a place in the last eight...

The argument is not unreasonable. England have triumphed convincingly over Northern Ireland, who are in the process of being rebuilt, and would expect to collect at least a point from the return fixture in Belfast next year...

Turkey, the other contenders, are so feeble that it would be a surprise of unimaginable proportions if England failed to overwhelm them at home and away. That would leave only the final tie in Belgrade next November...

defenders, the Yugoslavs will push their full backs into a midfield that they trust will resemble the foyer of a theatre during the interval. No Englishman will be allowed to move freely there for more than a couple of yards.

Zlatko Vujovic, the scorer of three of their goals against Turkey, may spend a lonely evening in the company of Butcher, England's new cap

England team ENGLAND: C Woods (Rangers), V Anderson (Aston), K Sarason (Aston), G Huddell (Tottenham), A Wright (Southampton), T Butcher (Rangers), G Mather (Tottenham), S Hodge (Aston), P Sweeney (Newcastle), G Linaker (Barnsley), C Waddle (Tottenham), S. Subban (Aston), S. Carter (Aston), R. Rogers (Aston), G. Searcy (Aston), C. Coker (West Ham), R. Williams (Aston), J. Barnes (Aston).

Hadzibegic, significantly a defender, is expected to replace the injured Mikhailovic, one of only two forwards they employed against the Turks, and Milinovic, out of form and favour, will give way to Skislovic, the individual that Bobby Robson most fears. As a central midfielder orchestrator, England's manager rates him as highly as Platini.

Robson, who was "not particularly impressed" by their 4-0 victory over Turkey, was unable to retain all of his representatives but he has

chosen to maintain the shape of his side. As expected, Woods, Wright and Mabbutt have been brought in to fill the gaps left by the injured Shilton, Martin and Bryan Robson.

Mabbutt, recalled after an absence of three years, is to take over the role as Hoddle's defensive security. Robson revealed that he is effectively fifth in line for the job behind his namesake, Reid, Bracewell, and Stevens of Tottenham Hotspur, all of whom are unavailable. Yet he had no hesitation in selecting him.

"He was in the squad a month ago so he knows what was required from Bryan Robson," he said. "He is such a good character and such a good listener that I don't think for one moment that he will let us down. He is bionic."

Robson omitted Steven for the sake of adventure. "They won't come charging at us so there is no need for a strong midfield force. We want wingers who can take on their defenders and run to the byline. That is where we will inflict the damage and that is why Waddle is in."

Barnes stands by, as usual, and so does Cottee in preference to the taller, but less mobile, Hateley. Yet England will rely principally on the man who will shortly be entitled to wear a pair of golden boots. Having received one award for his scoring feats last season, Linaker will tomorrow collect another.

Hoddle must command the stage if Robson's team is to reach its goal. That the heavy burden should rest on his fragile temperament is as disturbing as Yugoslavia's record. In conceding only two defeats in 11 fixtures so far, no other European nation in history has been so successful against England.

Bingham begins another era

From Clive White, Izmir

Today marks the beginning of a new era for Northern Ireland. Names like Jennings, McIlroy, O'Neill and Hamilton will play no further part in the adventures of football's most mischievous little people. It is a time of transition and, it is to be hoped, growth.

Billy Bingham, the Irish manager, is not despondent. On the eve of their European championship game here against Turkey today he declared: "I don't feel any pressure about this game. How many international managers must wish that they could say that."

"I'm rebuilding now and using the European Championship to give the boys extra international experience and hopefully to get one or two good results along the way that will give me the confidence to play them again, he said. "It is a young squad which was reduced to 16 by the withdrawal through injury of Whiteside, Nicholl and Stewart.

The recent rule change on eligibility, allowing the Irish to call upon players with only an Irish mother, has made complete Irishmen out of Danny Wilson and Lewis Sanchez, whose father comes from Ecuador and who was born in Lambeth, Wilson, aged 26, and Sanchez, aged 27 have a lot to live up to in following such legendary figures in midfield as McIlroy and O'Neill. Yet, they may prove to be just what the Irish have needed more of all these years - goal-scoring midfield players.

Three years ago, defeat in Turkey cost Northern Ireland their place in the European Championship finals, allowing West Germany to go through instead, and 14 months ago a goalless draw here in Izmir almost proved fatal for their Mexican ambitions. The problem is that the Irish have always lacked sufficient goal scoring power to expose the defensively vulnerable Turks.

What with Campbell, Nottingham Forest's attacking midfielder player, and the prolific Clarke of Southampton in the side, there is no shortage of potential match-winners. The likelihood is, though, that Campbell, who will play in attack alongside Clarke and that Worthington will be drafted into midfield.

Bingham said: "I've had a lot of defensive players in my midfield down the years, though I like attacking players in this area. Our midfield needs reconstructing and I will be fiddling about there and in attack."

TURKEY (probable): Path, F. Termez, Yusuf, Zengin, Kadir, Hicmet, Senses, Ugrur, Norten, Terzi, Ferid. NORTHERN IRELAND (probable): P. Hughes (Bury), G. Fleming (Nottingham Forest), J. McWilliam (Widow), A. McDonald (Queen's Park Rangers), M. Donaghy (Luton Town), D. Wilson (Brighton & Hove Albion), J. McCoombe (Newcastle United), M. Worthington (Sheff. Wednesbury), S. Parnery (Brighton) and Steve Aldred (J. Sweeney (Widow), G. Dunlop (Campanell), G. Clarke (Southampton), S. Robinson (Luton), J. O'Neill (Luton), S. McIlroy (Sheff. Wednesbury Town).



Mike DePalmer on his way to defeating Paul McNamee in the first round of the Benson and Hedges tournament at Wembley yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Kriek bounces back to pop the sixth seed in the pot

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The Benson and Hedges championships at Wembley began yesterday with a seeding upset that was no surprise to anybody who knew Johan Kriek's record. Kriek has twice been Australian champion and has also advanced to the semi-finals of the United States and French championships. The remarkable feature of his 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 win over Emilio Sanchez yesterday was that Kriek was playing his first match for 10 weeks.

After the United States championships, Kriek had to withdraw from the game with the shoulder of his racket arm so badly inflamed that a long rest was essential. He even had to adjust his service action. Aged 28, he must seriously have doubted his ability to regain peak form and fitness.

"I couldn't be happier," he said yesterday. "Coming back is so hard, such a strain on your mental capacity. To know I am still out there, fighting is the important thing. It's as if I had won a tournament."

During his enforced lay-off Kriek spent most of his time at home. "I couldn't do much because of the shoulder, so I stayed home, fed the parrot, and trimmed a few rose bushes." That reference to the parrot was a reminder that Kriek and his wife have something of a domestic zoo, the other components being three dogs and a python.

Kriek should feel at home in such an environment. He is a muscular, bouncy, unusually agile man who often raises images of the days when a man had to catch and skin his dinner before popping it in the pot. Kriek could probably look after himself pretty well in the jungle.

At 5ft 8in he is small, as tennis professionals go, but Kriek is difficult to lob because he is so springy that it is as if he carries around an invisible ladder and climbs it

Everything he tried seemed to work, and Sanchez looked thoughtful and rather downcast. But in the second set some of the inevitable rust began to corrode Kriek's tennis. A gleam of optimism came into the Spaniard's eyes and instantly he was a livelier, more assured, more free-swinging player. He also took a hostile interest in Kriek's second services. Thus it was that Sanchez came from behind to win the first set.

At that time it did not seem logical to have much confidence in Kriek's chances of beating the sixth seed. But Kriek carefully played his way back into form, began to serve increasingly well and just managed to win a match that, in view of his long absence from competition, gave him ample cause for satisfaction.

Kriek's next opponent will be Scott Davis, a qualifier, who beat Milan Srejber 6-7, 6-4, 8-6. In the third set Davis was serving at 2-4 and 0-30 down, but won 12 of the next 16 points. He is a more flexible player than Srejber but had to struggle with his own confidence as well as Srejber's formidable service. Srejber is 6ft 7 1/2in tall and is one of the few tennis players who could almost stand eyeball to eyeball with a giraffe. He emerged from the crowds last February to beat Becker in Florida. When preparing to receive Srejber's service, Davis must have felt that a sniper was spraying him from an upstairs window.

Results FIRST ROUND: M. DePalmer (US) 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 (SA) vs P. McNamee (US), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; G. Connors (US) vs M. Schapery (Aust), 2-6, 6-4, 7-6, 5-7; S. Davis (US) vs M. Srejber (CZ), 6-7, 6-4, 8-6; J. Kriek (US) vs E. Sanchez (Sp), 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; J. Sweeney (US) vs T. Sand (CZ), 6-4, 6-3.

fast in emergency. He is also exciting to watch because he likes to get to the net, where everything happens fast.

By contrast, Sanchez likes to play rallies and for a long time was frustrated because Kriek evidently did not share this preference. Sanchez, like Kriek, is sturdy and strong and a tough competitor. He came to the fore in this year's Italian championship, in which he beat Boris Becker and Mats Wilander. His name keeps cropping up in a variety of tournaments, for both sexes. It seems that the entire family play tennis and are intent on leaving their mark on the highest levels of the game.

The match began with Kriek playing from memory - and his memory was good.

Norman conquest of the world

From Colin McQuillan, Toulouse

Ross Norman, the New Zealander known on the international squash circuit as "Iron man", yesterday hammered his way to the victory universally considered impossible, beating Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan 9-5, 9-7, 7-9, 9-1 in the 110 minute final of the UAP world open championship.

"I won as I always knew I could," said Norman, who has pursued the 22-year-old Pakistani for 18 months to become the first man to beat him in five and a half years, since Geoff Hunt overcame a virtually unknown 17-year-old in the final of the British Open championship on April 10, 1981.

"I have always said it would take two hours on court to wear him down and here, finally, I came close to that," Norman exulted. When he reached 6-1 and match point in the fourth game he told himself "You got here playing sensible squash. All you have to do is play sensible squash to take out the leader of the pack."

Extraordinary run of supremacy

Certainly the match which ended an extraordinary run of total supremacy was far from a classic of shot or adventure. Rather it was a dull battle between a champion for once knocked out of his usual dominant stance and a challenger who served a long hard apprenticeship in percentage squash.

The match opened on the all-transparent plastic court in front of a capacity crowd with a four minute rally which included three routine let calls before Norman took the first point. The Palais des Sports squashed more in anticipation than excitement 28 minutes and 20 let calls later when Norman took what was only his second game in a score of meetings with Jahangir.

Norman played nine major finals against Jahangir last season, coming close to him only once, in last year's world open final in Cairo when he took that first game. He went down in straight games in every corner of the world, but always learnt from the experience and always maintained that he could succeed where others had signally failed.

"I knew when I had the first game here I was in with another chance," Norman said. "I forced myself to stay calm and play for the second, however long it took."

In the end it took 42 minutes and the character was again established in the opening phase. Nine lets were called in the first three points and Norman drew an official warning from the referee, John Robinson, for backing up on his opponent in mid-court.

"I thought that was a misreading of the situation," Norman said. "But I refused to let it disturb me. I settled in to play the game to the absolute end and I could feel that Jahangir was driving more than I was."

The defeated champion agreed that he was feeling the effect by that stage. "I had a month off with a knee injury before this tournament and I was not at match fit as usual," he said.

Jahangir also felt that the new Merco reflective ball was unpredictable and contributed to his downfall by skidding on the walls of the plastic court and hopping unexpectedly from the floor. "I might have managed to win with a more regular ball," he said. "But Ross played very well, so perhaps not."

The young Pakistani was remarkably contained for a man toppled from a record reign. "It had to happen some time. I have done everything in the game. I feel OK about it. Now I have the chance to be a comeback of my own."

In Toulouse he won the third game in 24 minutes, accelerating away from 7-7 as though that comeback were already assured. But Norman, a 27-year-old from Whittanga near Auckland, New Zealand, was not about to settle for being merely the first man to take two games from Jahangir since that was managed by Hiddy Jaham in 1982.

He began to fire drops in from the deep court from the outset and soon discovered that the younger man no longer had the heart to reach them. In just nine minutes he had clinched the \$10,000 first prize, the world championship and the greatest scalp in sport. "It was an amazing feeling," he admitted. "At last I could let go and just shout for joy. I had done it the hard way, worn him off the court, the greatest player the game has seen."

Cooper and Nevin key men

By Hugh Taylor

The new manager, Andy Roxburgh, is making as brave attempt to bring a smile to the mournful face of Scottish football. Certainly his combination of fearless attackers and masters of close control looks attractive.

But a warning note was struck yesterday when Roxburgh pointed out that while Luxembourg may be the whipping boys of Europe, who have not won a competitive international in 14 years, it would be suicidal to consider Scotland's opponents at Hampden tonight as "lambs to the slaughter."

Roxburgh said: "How can we treat anyone cheaply? We are hardly in a position, considering our poor record in the European championship, to have unrealistic expectations."

Roxburgh, has however, chosen a side with flair, for the Scottish supporters have become weary of national teams who lack spirit and reveal few traces of cultured play.

And there can be no argument that attack must be the theme for the Luxembourg defence is not impressive and

Scotland team SCOTLAND: Leighton (Aberdeen), Stewart (West Ham), Gough (Tottenham), Hadden (Liverpool), McCall (Aberdeen), Nevin (Chelsea), Aitken (Glasgow), McCall (Glasgow), Cooper (Rangers), Dalgleish (Liverpool), Johnston (Glasgow).

will be sorely tried to stop Cooper and Nevin, who delight in bamboozling opponents.

The canny manager of Luxembourg Paul Phillip feels

his only chance of success lies in preventing the Scots from scoring an early goal.

Group Seven table table with columns for P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts and rows for Belgium, Spain, Scotland, Bulgaria, Luxembourg.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Today: Scotland v Luxembourg; November 18: Belgium v Bulgaria; February 18: Scotland v Republic of Ireland; April 2: Bulgaria v Republic of Ireland; Belgium v Scotland; 28: Republic of Ireland v Belgium; 28: Luxembourg v Bulgaria; May 22: Bulgaria v Luxembourg; 28: Luxembourg v Republic of Ireland; September 8: Republic of Ireland v Luxembourg; 22: Bulgaria v Belgium; October 14: Scotland v Belgium; Republic of Ireland v Bulgaria; November 17: Belgium v Luxembourg; Bulgaria v Scotland; December 2: Luxembourg v Scotland.

New chairman

Rangers announced yesterday the appointment of David Holmes as chairman of the club following the resignation of John Paton.

Britain's Adrian Moorhouse tries to become the first man to beat the one minute barrier in the 100 metres breaststroke when he takes on the West Germans, Rolf Beah and Bert Boebel, at the Cumbernauld Open meeting on November 14, 15 and 16.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Smith: job in Newcastle Jenny Lee Smith, who dominated the WPGA tour in 1981 and 1982, has been appointed teaching professional at Parklands in Newcastle, her hometown. The former Curtis Cup player will take up her post on December 1.

Final leg The final of the Kodak AAA 10km road race championship will take place at Hemel Hempstead on April 4. The series, which has already visited Bangor in Northern Ireland, Barnsley, Rhyll and Southend, will stage the last regional event in Glasgow on March 8. The winner last year was Steve Harris, of Shaheenbury Harriers, who went on to run the 10,000 metres for Britain in the European championships.

Result stands ROME (AFP) - The result of the San Remo world championship rally, won last month by Lancia, will stand, despite a protest from the disqualified French team, Peugeot. The appeals committee of the Italian motor sport commission ratified the result of the race yesterday.

A reminder A two foot wreath was planted in the middle of Somerset's county ground at Taunton yesterday by supporters of Ian Botham and the two sacked West Indian players, Viv Richards and Joel Garner. Staff discovered the wreath, professionally made from carnations and daffodils, propped up on the artificial wicket and carrying the inscription: "In memory of Somerset's three greatest cricketers."

Games fund

The Commonwealth Games fund could benefit by £60,000 after a move to approve a donation by the Lothian regional council in Edinburgh yesterday. The move is part of a joint package put together by the Games company chairman, Robert Maxwell, in an effort to avoid liquidation. The Lothian donation is conditional on Maxwell and the Japanese tycoon, Ryoichi Sasakawa, giving £2 million towards the £4.3 million deficit.

Apricot wrecked after rendezvous mix-up

Apricot, the yacht that carried Tony Ballimore to victory in last year's Round Britain and Round Europe races, was wrecked on rocks off Brest on Monday night after Ballimore and a low-boat failed to make a rendezvous. The sailor, who had been competing in the Route du Rhum single-handed transatlantic race until a collision the previous night forced him to return to France with a damaged port foat, said yesterday that he was lucky to escape with his life. "It was blowing a force eight gale and the seas were crashing right over the boat. I had to dive over the side between waves then cling on to a rock like a limpet," Ballimore said yesterday. He eventually managed to climb the cliff face to safety and watched in dismay as the £250,000 craft was pounded to pieces on the rocks below. By yesterday morning all that remained was a foot of her mast, a section of galleys and a small piece of Apricot's 60ft carbon-fibre main hull. Describing events leading up to the disaster, a shaken Ballimore, who was voted Yachtsman of the Year at the end of last season, said that earlier on Monday he had made arrangements with the port captain at the Marianne Mouth Blanc to have a boat ready to tow Apricot into port. "We arranged to rendezvous one-and-a-half miles south-west of Point de Miheu at 18.00 GMT," the British skipper said. But when he reached the agreed position, just as dusk was falling, there was no boat in sight. Half-an-hour later when there was still no sign of the powerboat, he radioed again and was told the boat was definitely on its way and had him in sight. By this time the strong on-shore winds had pushed the trisaran closer to the Point but believing that a tow was at hand, Ballimore decided to anchor. A quarter-of-an-hour later he realized that Apricot was dragging her anchor and with still no sign of assistance he radioed the harbour office again, warning them that the situation was now turning into an emergency. But still the promised tow-boat failed to materialize. Ballimore finally sent out a May Day message at 19.19 GMT, when his boat was within 150ft of the breaking surf, and only then did the 18ft outboard powered speed-boat sent out to look for him finally materialize. ROUTE DU RHUM RACE (Landing position after 48 hours will come to) to Guadalupe: 1. Ruyter (F), 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

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